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## MAINE



*Part of Our Beautiful Nine-Mile Beach*

SECOND YEAR OF TOWN MANAGEMENT

1950-1951

# Civil Defense Organization

Temporary Control Center  
Wells Beach Fire Station  
Phone 477

William J. Lessard  
Director

Jack Hayes <i>Deputy No. 1</i>	Elmer Hutchins <i>Deputy No. 2</i>	Maynard Trafton <i>Deputy No. 3</i>	Arthur M. Perkins <i>Deputy No. 4</i>	Richard Farnsworth <i>Deputy No. 5</i>
<i>Rescue</i> Norman Holder	<i>Fire Services</i> The fire chiefs of each company.	<i>Radiological</i> Maynard Trafton	<i>Evacuation</i> (Unassigned)	<i>Administration</i> Clark Newcombe
<i>Communications</i> John Fearon	<i>Police</i> Elmer Hutchins (temporary)	<i>Chemical and Special Weapons</i> Walter Fitch	<i>Registration</i> Nancy Stewart	<i>Legal</i> Walter Hatch
<i>Engineering</i> Raymond Colby	<i>Wardens</i> Robert L. Littlefield	<i>Medical and Public Health</i> Margaret Grant	<i>Food</i> Jacob Kelley	<i>Public Information</i> Fred Atwood
<i>Transportation</i> Fred Goodwin	<i>Plant Protection</i> Norman Holder		<i>Clothing</i> The Church Ladies	<i>Training</i> James Wentworth
<i>Aircraft Warning &amp; Mutual Aid - Moody</i> Edward Holland			<i>Shelter</i> Ralph Duro	
<i>- Highpine</i> Philip Hatch			<i>Rehabilitation</i> William McCullough	



**TOWN OFFICE****Wells, Maine**

February 10, 1951

**SELECTMEN OF WELLS:**

Herewith is a report of the second year of town manager government in Wells.

This booklet is a radical departure from previous annual reports. Only a minimum of statistical detail is included and it is grouped near the end of the report.

We hope the charts and text will help the reader have a clearer understanding of town affairs.

Sincerely

ERNEST C. MARRINER, Jr.

Town Manager.

**Town Officers****1950-1951****Elected**

**SELECTMEN:** David McCobb (Chr.), Raymond Colby, Edward Holland, Elmer Hutchins, Clifford Moody, Arthur Perkins, Samuel Stansfield.

**ASSESSORS:** Robert Littlefield (Chr.), Edward Hipple, Clinton Smith.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Iola Littlefield (Chr.), Milbray Freeman, James S. Wentworth.

**TOWN CLERK:** Alma L. Parker.

**TOWN TREASURER:** Walter E. Hatch.

**CONSTABLES:** Gordon Bridges, Elmer Hutchins, Donald James, Carroll Kemp.

**Appointed**

**TOWN MANAGER:** Ernest C. Marriner, Jr.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:** Raymond B. Steward.

**HEALTH OFFICER:** Harriett Knight.

**SPECIAL POLICE:** Lester Bridges, John Crissell.

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN:** Russell Hubbard.

## WHAT WE PROMISED

(Copied from the 1949-50 Annual Report.)

**Assessment:** First priority on our needs is a scientific revaluation. Our assessors and one full time assistant can do the job well enough for our purposes.

**Public Toilets:** The \$4,800 voted in 1949 will be used in 1950 to construct public rest rooms at Wells Beach.

**Parking:** Off-street parking areas are greatly in demand at the beaches. We plan improvements at Crescent Beach (including a seawall), Moody, Drake's Island and Atlantic Avenue.

**Fire Protection:** A survey by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association will form the basis for a long range improvement program.

**Sewer:** We shall prepare a sewer district bill for the 1951 legislature and will seek Federal assistance in making plans for a sanitary sewer system for those parts of the Town which seem most in need of sewage disposal.

**Industry:** Efforts to obtain one or more industries for the Town will be accelerated. It may take several years to accomplish our objective, but we intend eventually to stabilize our economy by supplementing the recreation business with some industrial activity.

**Charity:** Inducement of some industry to establish in Wells will be the only permanent solution to our welfare problem.

Meanwhile close checks on settlement, insisting on work for pauper supplies, use of surplus foods, strict requirements as to need, and help in prompt application for categorical relief, will conserve our welfare funds.

**Highways:** We plan to complete the work begun on State Aid Roads 16 and 18, and improve the west end of the Drake's Island Road so that it can in the future be maintained by the State.

Extensive improvements to our country roads, including brush removal, widening, ditching and backsloping are planned with the new tractor which is requested.



## WHAT WE PRODUCED

**Assessment:** Allen Olsen, our full-time assistant assessor, is now nearly half through the revaluation job.

**Public Toilets:** The toilets are built, tested and paid for and will be in operation this summer.

**Parking:** The Moody Beach and Drake's Island free parking areas, built in the spring, were crowded all summer. Privately operated lots relieved some of the Atlantic Avenue congestion.

**Fire Protection:** The Rating Association completed its survey in July. We now have the goals for a long range program.

**Sewer:** A "Wells Beach Sewer District" bill has been introduced at the 95th Legislature. The engineering for a sanitary sewer should be completed by early summer.

**Industry:** No results on this front, but the ground-work is being laid.

**Charity:** Relief expenditures show a reduction of 6.4% from 1949.

**Highways:** Work on State Aid Road 18 was completed. But replacement of two bridges over the Merriland River (on State Aid's 5 and 7) ate up all other funds so that No. 16 still lacks the final bituminous surfacing and we haven't started on the Drake's Island Road.

Improvements to the Forbes Road, the Reeves Road, the Old King's Highway at Moody and part of the Burnt Mill Road have been started with the new tractor.

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The State Auditor has been delayed so we cannot print his findings in this report. The audit will be completed before town meeting and the complete auditor's report will be on file in the town office.

# WELLS AT MID CENTURY

A BRIEF  
REVIEW  
OF 1950

YOU ARE ALWAYS  
WELCOME AT  
THE TOWN  
HALL



The above cartoon typefies an axiom of good government which we have tried to adopt in two years of town manager government in Wells. People tell us the atmosphere in the town office is different than it used to be. If there is indeed a change, it is only because the voters make it so.

Two very important votes last March account for the radical changes in this Annual Report. The list of taxpayers was published last fall, and the long, costly list of payments was eliminated. The result is a saving of \$500 and this 48 page report. There is still too much statistics and not enough explanation to suit us.

## A breakdown of our costs of administration reveals:

Town Manager's Salary	\$ 4,207.39
Town Manager's Expenses	696.77
Office Clerk	1,563.44
Assessors	1,200.00
Assistant Assessor	2,323.65
Other Officers	1,260.40
Supplies and Phones	1,807.17
Reports	1,434.78
Meetings and Elections	422.62
Other	496.25

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\$15,412.47



## REVALUATION HITS HALFWAY MARK

About half the property owners in town have already met Al Olsen who is doing the revaluation under the direction of our three elected assessors. We expect the job to be complete by July 31 in time for 1951 tax bills. Some taxpayers will be paying more and some less than formerly. But we feel that we will now be able to justify



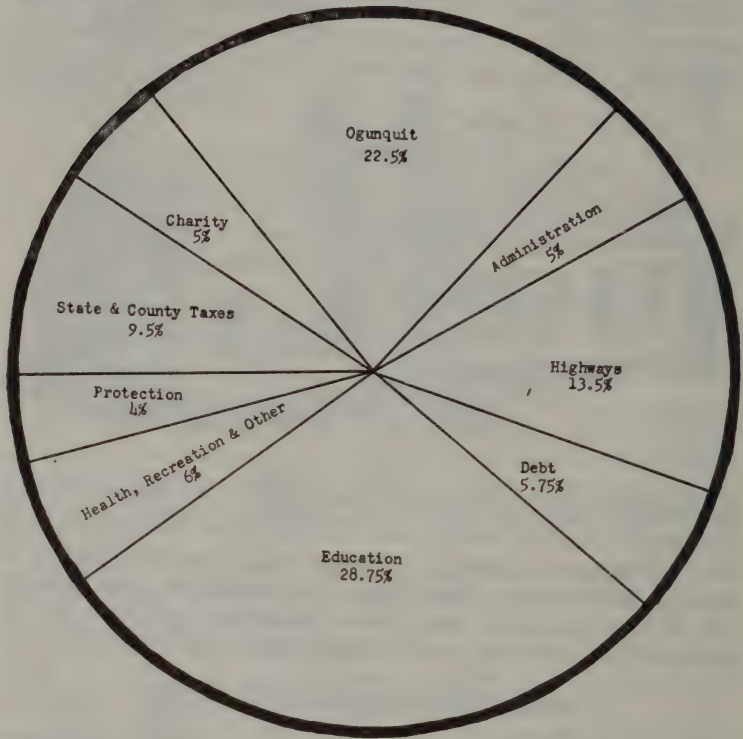
and explain each taxpayer's valuation. Our valuation will be based on 1940 costs, and the total for all property in town will be considerably greater than the 1950 figure of nearly \$4,000,000. The State Tax Assessor has advised us in writing that our State Valuation will not be increased just because we increase our Local Valuation.

## PUBLICITY TO BE EXPANDED

For a resort community we do very little municipal advertising. We have in the past subsidized Old-Wells-by-the-Sea in their limited newspaper ads and in their publicity folder, and we have bought a little space in the Maine Publicity Bureau's magazine "Maine Invites You." In the coming year we hope to have a full-page ad in "Maine Invites You" and we are seriously considering a large billboard on Route 1 to advertise the Town of Wells and also some large directional signs guiding tourists to Wells Beach.

## WELLS ANNUAL REPORT

The appropriations statement on page 36 reveals over \$33,000 in unexpended balances as of Jan. 31, 1951. Our revenues turned out to be somewhat more than we had estimated, and actual expenditures were slightly under the budget. The proportion of expenses in each function is shown in the Town Dollar chart.



TOWN DOLLAR

**DEBT REDUCED TO RECORD LOW**

Our debt now stands at \$56,588.35, by far the lowest point in many years. For the second successive year we have floated no new debt. We are now in a position to absorb the burden of large new borrowings should they be necessary. A breakdown of outstand-



ing obligations shows:

Object	Outstanding	To Be Retired 1951
Refunding bonds of 1922	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 500.00
School Improvement Bonds	8,600.00	2,000.00
High School Bonds	19,500.00	2,000.00
Drake's Island Storm Note	2,500.00	2,500.00
High Pine Truck Note	3,508.35	1,700.00
Bridge Notes	10,480.00	3,000.00
Wells Beach Fire Alarm Note	2,000.00	1,000.00
Refunding Notes of 1946	6,000.00	6,000.00
	<hr/> \$56,588.35	<hr/> \$18,700.00



We have more cash on hand and more receivables than a year ago. We are proposing another decrease in taxes for 1951. But with costs increasing rapidly, we cannot predict any lower taxes in years to come. Our goal now must be to try to prevent in-

creases. Balanced budgets won't come easily in the future.

**Tax collections were** a little better than in 1950. We received 96.4% of the commitment before the books closed, but this is not a good record. There was \$13,006.17 outstanding in delinquent 1949 and 1950 taxes on Feb. 1, a list of which appears on page 27. Of this amount



\$1,275.36 is in tax mortgage liens for 1949 taxes, \$310.85 and \$11,419.96 respectively are open on 1949 and 1950 accounts.

We have disposed of a few parcels of tax-acquired property and have decided to keep certain others for town purposes. In the coming year we hope to clear from our records most of the other parcels in this category.

### IS THE TOWN HALL A WHITE ELEPHANT?

The town hall building earned rentals of \$1,754.99 and its operation cost \$3,373.89 last year. In the coming year we hope to replace the front door, shingle half the roof and resurface the floor of the town office.

### WE'RE PROUD OF OUR DUMP

Hartley Hilton has continued his excellent work at the town dump. How many can recall conditions before he took over there? A new portable pump was bought last summer and a water hole dug at the base of the dump as added precautions against spreading of a dump fire.

### ZONING ORDINANCE PROTECTS THE BEACH



The voters surprised us (as they so often do) at our 1950 Annual Meeting by approving a zoning ordinance for the beach. About 35 building permits have been issued so far. A new itinerant vendors' ordinance resulted in 32 vendors being licensed by the town.

### BEACH IMPROVEMENTS ATTRACT TRANSIENTS

Recognizing the fantastic growth of our cabin developments since the war, the Town in 1949 and 1950 appropriated money to develop beach facilities to serve short-stay visitors.

Last summer after many delays we completed a fine new public toilet building at Wells Beach Square. This year we hope to add four more toilet fixtures to make this installation more serviceable. New free parking lots were constructed at Moody Beach and at Drakes Island, and a town-owned lot near the fish market was converted to parking use. We hope to enlarge the Moody lot this year. The chemical toilet we used at Drakes Island last summer seemed satisfactory, and we are thinking of a similar unit at Moody Beach. The new seawall at Crescent Beach, built by contract at a cost of nearly \$5,500, completes the list of beach improvements.



### TOWN CLERK HAS BUSY YEAR

Town Clerk Alma L. Parker with the help of Lester Bridges, Dog Constable, really coralled the cagey canines this year, collecting (and turning over to the State) \$598 for 370 licenses—a record total. She also sold \$2,689 worth of hunting and fishing licenses for the State Fish and Game Department and licensed the largest number of victualers on record. 111 deer were tagged at Farley's last fall.



### CEMETERY OPERATES IN THE BLACK

Ocean View Cemetery used its town appropriation (\$400) and its other income (\$453.50) to maintain the fine cemetery at Wells Corner. Year-end cash of \$601.74 was slightly larger than beginning cash of \$543.14. Assets, only the income from which may be spent, total \$14,875.41 invested largely in utility securities.

### SANITATION CANNOT BE IGNORED

Our lack of public sewers at Wells Beach presents a sanitation problem of increasing criticalness. The 95th Legislature has been asked to establish a sewer district for the beach, so that those property owners may build and pay for their own sewage system without obligation to the taxpayers in the rest of the town. This is a problem which demands attention, because lack of action now will probably mean polluted beaches and marshes in years to come.

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY IS BIG JOB



Our fire companies had a busy year. Wells Beach reports a total of 91 calls, of which 22 were in dwellings. Saving the John Wells house in a spectacular early morning blaze was the outstanding accomplishment of the year. Wells Corner is busy planning details of the new fire truck now under construction for them. They responded to 43 calls last year. The self-reliant Highpine Fire Association was called out 17 times with an average response of 12 men per call. This year the unexpended balances in fire appropriations are being carried forward for use next

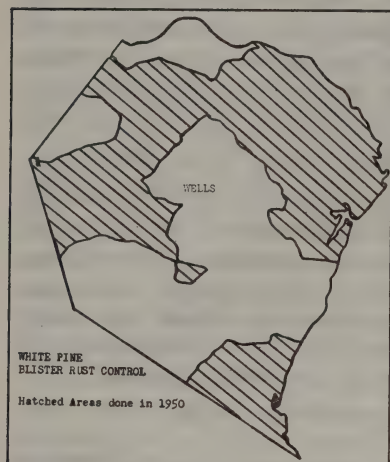
year. The last minute rush to spend money was apparently avoided and more careful purchasing should result.

**Our elected constables and appointed policemen** cooperated excellently all year, but there is frequently a long delay, especially in the daytime, in finding an officer to answer a call. We plan to correct this situation in March with the appointment of a full time police chief. If we give him two-way radio communications, we can guarantee good service. The radio will be especially valuable in civil defense activities.



The new water main on the Sanford Road was completed last year. We're glad to have the water and the fire protection, but we question the advisability of town participation in the cost of future extensions elsewhere. The Water District has advised us of plans for new mains on the Landing Road, Atlantic Avenue, Bourne Avenue and at Moody Point. With the approval of the town, hydrants will be installed on these mains as they are built.

## NATURAL RESOURCES NEED PROTECTION TOO



We did a little white pine blister rust control work this year, covering about half the town as shown on the accompanying map. If manpower is available this summer, we expect to finish the job which will keep our young white pines disease-free for several years. Federal Plant Disease Specialist Joseph Pike reports a total expenditure of \$745.30 in Wells for this work (\$200 of which was from town funds). The control

consists of uprooting and destroying currant and gooseberry bushes found near white pines. Removing these "alternate hosts" of blister rust infection effectively stamps out the disease. This summer 10,336 bushes were destroyed on 16,614 acres of land inspected, of which 9,541 acres contained growing pine.

## OGUNKUIT TO GET LESS MONEY

The customary statement of account with the Ogunquit Village Corporation is condensed for lack of space. It shows that their allotment in 1951 will be \$10,000 less than last year (due to our smaller total tax commitment), a total of \$69,656.50. Their proportion of the total Wells valuation remains about 45%.

	1950	1951
Ogunquit Commitment	\$151,969.90	\$136,577.38
Less Deductions	20,246.92	20,483.22
Net Commitment	\$131,722.98	\$116,094.16
60% of above	\$ 79,033.78	\$ 69,656.50



### MARGARET KEEPS US HEALTHY



The usual Public Health Nursing service has continued under the sponsorship of, and with some financial assistance from, the Wells Health Association. Just over 80 % of the children in the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th grades were given complete physical exams. Defective teeth were so predominant that the Association, with the assistance of the Ogunquit Women's Club and the excellent cooperation of Dr. Filson, started a dental clinic for third grade pupils. Fluorine treatment, fillings and extractions are done for every 3rd grader, as needed, except for a few whose parents prefer to have the work done by the family dentist.

### HEALTH ASSOCIATION FINANCES

	<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenses</i>
Beginning cash	\$1,136.72	Nurses supplies	\$ 98.25
Nurses' fees	238.00	Clinic Doctors	444.00
Memberships	294.05	Other expenses	181.88
		Ending cash	944.64
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	\$1,668.77		\$1,668.77



### NEW TRACTO-SHOVEL ADDED TO ROAD EQUIPMENT

Easy winters are dollars saved and this year was no exception. Our winter highway costs of just over \$12,000

include the entire purchase price of a new snow plow and wing (\$1,600). Although we pay more per hour to the one truck equipped with the wing, it is plowing its route for considerably less per mile than the units with only one-way plows. Using more salt and less sand as we have done this winter is definitely cheaper, and it tends to clear the roads somewhat earlier.

**This year's Town Road Improvement allotment** was used to gravel several roads: Harrisicket Road (.4 mile), Huff Farm Road (.5 mile), Clark Fruit Farm Road (.35 mile) and Burnt Mill Road (.25 mile). For over half the work we hauled from a town-owned pit newly opened on Route 9-A. Next year we must pay some attention to roads in certain sections of town which have received no improvements in the last two years.

**Two bridges over the Merriland River were replaced** with culverts last summer. This emergency State Aid Construction work prevented completion of State Aid 16 in Wells Branch which now heads our list, to be followed by improvements to the Drakes Island Road.



The new AC 5-ton Tractor-Shovel has been a very satisfactory investment. This winter Ralph Bridges built a low-bed trailer for moving. A feature of our summer maintenance work was widening and ditching cer-

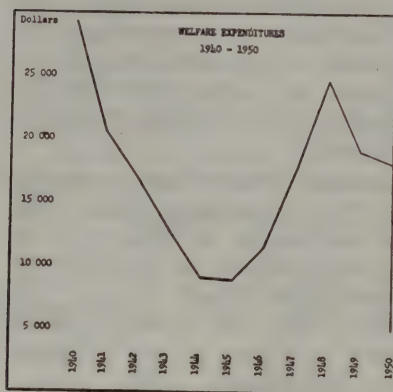
tain country roads with this new unit. This work will be expanded in 1951.

We have not been charging our highway accounts enough for the use of town-owned equipment, so next year the hourly rates will be increased to \$1 for the pickup, \$3 for the Oshkosh and \$4 for the tractor. The equipment account operates these vehicles and also the town garage and all the small equipment. We are badly in need of a new garage and a power grader. Because we feel that a place to house expensive machinery should be available, we have given priority to the new garage.

**Sidewalk plans for Atlantic Avenue collapsed** when the Water District announced intentions to install a new 10-inch water main under the proposed sidewalk location.

## WELFARE COSTS DECREASE SLIGHTLY

The chart shows the fluctuations of welfare expenditures in the last 10 years. From a high of \$29,000 in 1940, the total dropped to under \$9,000 in 1945. It is again on a downward trend. But the chart is not adjusted for changes in the value of the dollar. If it were so adjusted, the 1950 expenditure would be only \$10,000 compared to \$29,000 in 1940.



**Altogether we assisted 70 cases consisting of 186 persons. Of these 70 cases, 18 receive Old Age Assistance, 11 Aid to Dependent Children and 15 of the others are Veterans. Law prevents publishing the names of these welfare recipients. Moreover four other cases and one of the veterans paid back in full the help given them and by agreement their**

names are omitted from this report. These 48 cases accounted for 67% of our total welfare expenditures or \$12,016.39. The other accounts are listed below, according to who is liable for their support:

<i>Our Own Cases</i>		Herman Silver	842.25
Richard Allen	\$ 83.81	Joseph Smith	25.89
Clarence Campbell	198.00	Ernest Stacy, Sr.	11.00
Fred Chute	22.00	Herbert Strickland	87.08
William Goodale	129.86	Theodore Towns	169.94
Harry Hanson	294.00		
Howard Hatch	124.46		
Alice Hilton	50.00	<i>Other Towns' Cases</i>	\$5,495.44
Roland Hilton	1,775.69	Goldie Hayas	\$ 276.33
Edward Hutchins	999.03	<i>State Cases</i>	
Hartley Hutchins	4.47	Herbert Coggeshall	\$ 8.98
Thelma Judkins	324.45	<i>Other Welfare Costs</i>	
Philip A. Littlefield	22.45	Surplus Food	\$ 118.55
Mabel Perfect	150.00	Tramps	46.81
Donald Perkins	45.20		
Charles Robert	135.86		\$5,946.11



## SCHOOLS HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF SPACE



The reports of Superintendent of Schools Raymond B. Steward and High School Principal Norman Holder point up the most serious educational problem in Wells—lack of space consistent with top-notch education. Last year's proposal to convert the

town hall into classrooms fell by the wayside in view of the permanence of the problem.

Kindergarten classes have been held in the parish hall of the Second Congregational church, which the Trustees graciously made available for school use. The senior class homeroom is a crowded dressing room beside the auditorium stage. There are far too many students using the main high school building, nearly 30% more than it was designed to accomodate. A special report mailed to all voters describes the suggestions of the school planning committee and the alternative suggestions of the Selectmen; and these proposals are further described on pages 22 and 23 of this report.

In spite of space difficulties our educational program continues to progress. Of especial interest are the results of educational achievement tests given all students in an effort to see how are teaching compares with national averages. Wells students vary considerably from grade to grade, but our overall average is somewhat above national:

Grade	National Average	Wells Average	How We Compare
5	182	184	Average
6	219	210	Below average
7	258	263	Above average
8	292	320	Much above average
9	9.9	12.1	Much above average
10	13.0	11.0	Much below average
11	15.5	14.6	Below average
12	17.2	17.8	Average

Special tests of spelling, a much critized subject, show all grades except the sixth to be above average. Careful attention is devoted to grades and subjects wherein we fall below par, and to slower pupils (whose number varies considerably among grades) who bring down the class averages.

**Closing of rural school No. 9 at Pine Hill leaves only four one-roomers operating—at Moody, Highpine, Wells Branch and in the Stevens District. Per pupil costs in these schools remains above that of the other grammar schools in town.**

Mary Petrella, a high school Language teacher, and Verna McCullough, music supervisor, are newcomers to teaching staff. Both are well-trained in their fields. Mrs. McCullough's work is more spectacular, of course, as her students perform in public occasionally and already show promise of exceptional glee clubs to come.

**Our teachers have had no general salary increase in four years while the cost of living has increased over 20% in this period. In order to retain our fine teaching team, we must recognize their justifiable request for more pay. The budget committee has recommended \$200 per teacher, an average raise of about 10%.**

An important bill before the current legislature would simplify the State Education Subsidy formulas. As now written the bill would provide a larger subsidy for Wells in future years.



**This fall a total of 131 persons enrolled in our Evening School, which offered the following courses: Industrial Arts, Furniture Repairing, Ceramics, Current Events, Grammar, Literature, Cooking, Sewing, Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Mathematics, Water Colors and Antique Stencilling. This is the second largest enrollment we**

have had in five years of operation, and many townspeople have asked for particular courses next year.

The cafeteria under the able direction of Mrs. Helene Burke assisted by Mrs. Jennie Sinclair has continued to serve about 270 children daily. This program is not aided financially by the town or any other local organization. The only aid is what the state may send—approximately 8c per lunch. Yet our cafeteria feeds not only the 235 who pay daily, but also about 30 free lunches.

## PER PUPIL COSTS BY SCHOOLS

High	Village	Ogunquit	No. 4	No. 6	No. 9	No. 14	No. 16	Total
Teachers' sal.	\$20,431.32	\$22,427.09	\$ 7,510.55	\$1,975.00	\$1,738.89	\$1,069.44	\$1,821.10	\$1,775.00
Fuel	934.98	934.99	1,000.00	90.00	90.00	96.00	102.00	126.00
Janitors' Sal.	892.50	1,908.50	1,051.27	101.00	125.00	31.00	117.00	125.00
Conveyance	5,379.46	9,348.89	1,202.98	116.86	659.92		504.76	543.55
Textbooks	942.60	570.50	200.20	35.86	31.90		39.82	31.90
Supplies	2,355.44	1,095.06	384.43	69.03	61.43		76.63	61.43
W. L. & P.	537.43	537.42	269.29	26.00		9.72	16.60	18.14
Repairs	836.76	836.76	702.89	28.20	8.35	5.00	9.85	9.97
App. & Equip.	659.37							659.37
Home Ec.	2,138.67							2,138.67
Manual Arts	3,270.36							3,270.36
Graduation	100.00							100.00
Band	540.00							540.00
Superintendence								1,094.00
Total	\$39,018.89	\$37,659.21	\$12,321.61	\$2,441.95	\$2,715.49	\$1,211.16	\$2,687.76	\$2,690.99
Enrollment	162	288	101	18	16	†	20	16
Per pupil cost \$	240.85	\$ 130.76	\$ 121.99	\$ 135.66	\$ 169.71		\$ 134.38	\$ 168.18
								\$ 163.99

† Operated from February to June only.

‡ Evening School and Expansion Costs are not included.



## Deaths

"By Thy will we live,  
By Thy will we vanish."

During the year 1950, many were called upon to return a member of their immediate family to their Maker, some of these being their closest companion in life, and the officials of Wells wish to extend deepest sympathy to all who are "walking a shadowy way caused by the loneliness which Death leaves when it passes near." May your hearts not harden with this experience but ever may you grow more and more tender, trusting fully our Father, feeling that —

They have gone through the gate to another land,  
Led by their Master's loving hand,  
And may you believe that the One above,  
Has called each Home in an act of love.

March 13, 1949—Delayed return of death not received for 1949 report:

Elizabeth H. Rickard, Died at Saco, Maine, Buried at Wells Branch, 46 years.

Date	Name	Place of Death	Place of Burial	Name of Cemetery	Yrs. Mos. Days
January					
3	Charles W. Eaton	Biddeford, Maine	Lynn, Mass.	St. Joseph	67
8	Althea S. Busby	Ogunquit, Maine	Amesbury, Mass.	Union	88 9 6
17	Walter H. Littlefield	Ogunquit, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	98 2 6
17	Agnes E. Webb	Windham, Maine	Wells (Branch)	Oak Grove	90
24	John H. Emery	York, Maine	Biddeford, Maine	Greenwood	69
26	Charles Lemay	Kennebunk, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	82
29	Alvah S. Hilton	South Berwick, Me.	Berwick, Maine	Tebbetts	82

# February

2	Emma L. Bragdon	Wells, Maine	Wells, Maine	Bragdon Private	94	10	8
3	Ella F. Baker	Falmouth, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	77	7	17
4	Christine McShea	Augusta, Maine	South Portland	Calvary	43		
8	Charles E. Bowler	Portsmouth, N. H.	Freedom, Maine	Pleasant Hill	40	10	
12	Marie D. Weston	Ogunquit, Maine	Winchendon, Mass.	Riverside	71	2	21
17	Llewellyn Malone	Boston, Mass.	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	85	2	1
24	Alice Elizabeth Card	York, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View		8	

# March

1	Lester Warren	Sanford, Maine	Salem, Mass.	Harmony Grove*	56		
27	Mary Ella Littlefield	Andover, Mass.	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	90	6	19
29	Lydia Angie Cheney	Dover, N. H.	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	86		

# April

2	Frank Mark Hill	York, Maine	Starksboro, Vt.		91		
9	Harry Burlingame	Wells, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	60	1	30
15	Herbert Lewis Wills	Wells, Maine	Auburn, Maine	Mt. Auburn	86		
16	Joseph Clémon Nickerson	Moody, Maine	Stoneham, Mass.	Lindenwood	50		
17	Erbon Hilton	Ogunquit, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	55	8	14

# May

3	Florence Ethel Morrison	Biddeford, Maine	Springvale, Maine	Riverside	57		
4	Julia A. Perkins	Ogunquit, Maine	Ogunquit, Maine	Riverside	88	1	1
23	Elden L. Kimball	Portland, Maine	Wells, Maine	Private	1		
24	William F. Litchfield	York, Maine	York, Maine	York	81		
28	Albert Pinard	Montville, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	42		
30	William Warren Smith, M. D.	Ogunquit, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	83	4	15

# DEATHS

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# DEATHS

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10	Viola Fournier Sherman	Ogunquit, Maine	Marlboro, Mass.	Maplewood	40	
15	William Augustus Pope	Portland, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	63	
21	Mary Louise Norton Wilson	Kennebunk, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	90	
26	Grace Snow Hobbs	Wells, Maine	Saco, Maine	Laurel Hill	89	3 2
26	(Baby) Cheryle Ann Bridges	Sanford, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View		1
28	Ora Belle Allen	Wells, Maine	South Berwick, Me.	Woodlawn	69	6 10
October						
3	Mary Lou Briley	York, Maine	Ogunquit, Maine	Locust	36	
23	Fred Elwood Patten	Gardiner, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	76	11 2
29	Philip T. Hutchins	Ogunquit, Maine	Ogunquit, Maine	Riverside	60	1 28
29	Robert E. Henderson	Moody, Maine	Lawrence, Mass.	Bellevue	91	4 9
November						
14	Jane A. Waltman	Augusta, Maine	Westbrook, Maine	Woodlawn	81	
December						
4	Esther Lawson	Woburn, Mass.	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	53	45 min.
5	Infant Cole	Biddeford, Maine	Wells, Maine	Ocean View		
7	Arthur J. Lowell	Wells, Maine	Lowiston, Maine	Riverside	70	
12	George Albert Tilton	Higbpine, Maine	Kennebunk, Maine	Hope	67	10 22
25	Nathaniel S. Hatch	Boston, Mass.	Wells, Maine	Ocean View	50	
31	Agnes J. Turner	York, Maine	Willimantic, Conn.	St. Joseph	75	

\* Crematory

October 17—Georgie E. Clark removed from Ocean View Cemetery, Wells, Maine to Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMA L. PARKER, Town Clerk.

## Alternate Plan for New School

(Compare with Planning Com. Recommendation on next page.)

The Selectmen are in sympathy with school needs and wish to do something to alleviate the worst problems. But they differ with the School Planning Committee and with the Budget Committee which supports the \$125,000 grammar school proposal, as to what we can afford.

The basis for the difference of opinion is in the size of our proposed bonded debt. Having entered office on a platform pledged to debt and tax reduction, coincidental with the establishment of town manager government in Wells, the Selectmen are opposed to a bond issue which would raise our total debt to a figure (\$166,000) higher than it was when they were elected two years ago.

Not wishing the matter to be dropped if the one plan offered by the School Planning Committee and recommended by the Budget Committee is rejected by the voters in town meeting, the Selectmen have therefore offered an alternative plan which would be less costly (\$75,000) and which would solve part of the needs now and permit solving the rest of them later.

Briefly their plan is to build part of the grammar school proposed by the Planning Committee. The building is purposely designed so this can be done. They would construct four classrooms and the general purpose room. In their opinion the most urgent problems requiring solution are the unsuitable facilities in the country schools, and the need for three additional rooms in the high school for grades 9-12. Their plan would permit closing the rural schools and would give the high school the needed space. A letter to all voters explains the proposition in detail.

Under this smaller construction, the pre-primary class would remain in the church parish hall for an indefinite period and two grammar school grades would remain in the basement classrooms of the present grammar school wing. Moreover, the two extra rooms which the Planning Committee proposal provides and which will, it appears, be needed in two or three years, will not be available with the smaller building unless the rural schools are kept open.

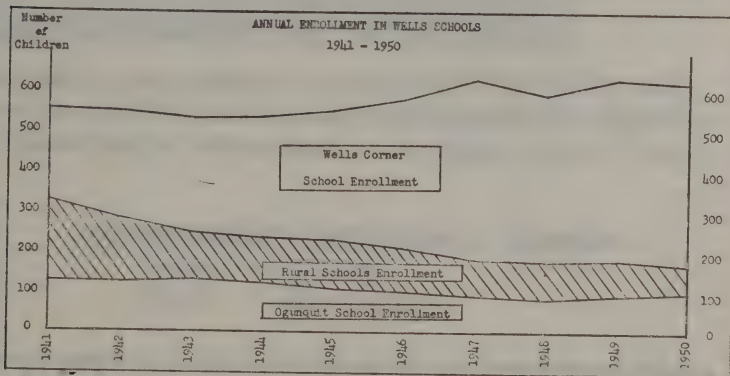
## Children Come First

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PROPOSED

**WOULD CLOSE ALL RURAL SCHOOLS  
NEW BUILDING TO COST \$125,000**

The NEED for additional school space is dramatically portrayed in the chart below, which shows total school enrollment for the last ten years, broken down according to Ogunquit school, rural schools and the village grammar-high school.

The charts show that the Ogunquit enrollment has remained fairly steady, that the rural school enrollment

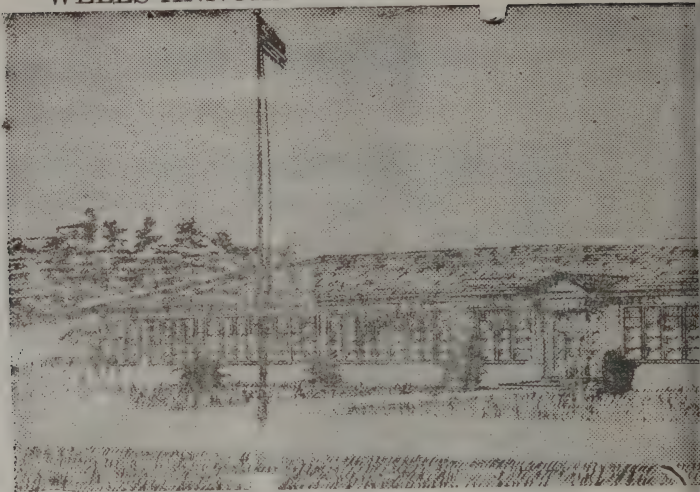


has decreased rapidly (from 196 in 1941 to 70 in 1950), and that the Wells Corner building has absorbed a continually greater proportion of the total enrollment.

It is not so much the 11% increase in total enrollment that is creating our problem. Rather the changed distribution of pupils, increasing the Wells Corner burden by 90%, has created the crisis at the village. And next year we expect an even greater enrollment in our central school.

The SITE for the proposed new grammar school would be adjacent to and behind the high school lot. A new athletic field and the suggested location of the new building is shown on the plot plan.





The BUILDING is a one-story cement and frame structure, lavatories. It would house the children in the lower seven grade Second Church parish (now housing the sub-primary), and for

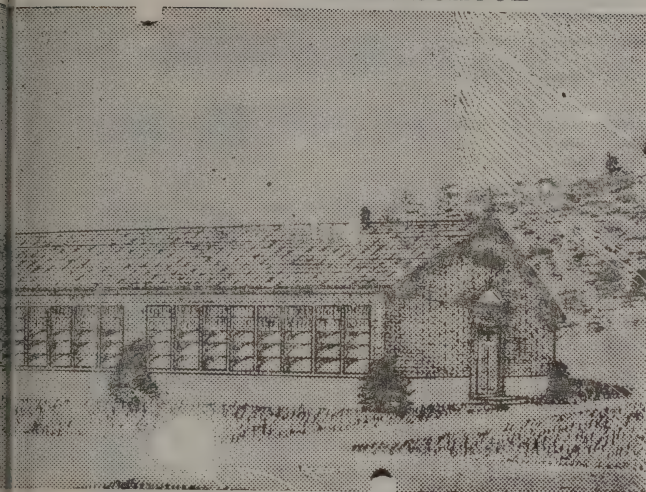
### PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Wells Corner

PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED GRAMMAR SCHOOL					Boiler
Wells Corner					
Class Room	Class Room	Toilet	Toilet	Storage	
Class Room	Class Room	Clinic			
		Office			

# NEW SCHOOL

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concrete slab, with nine classrooms, an auditorium, offices and provide for closing the four rural schools, for abandoning the small children out of the village school basement.

One-Story Building

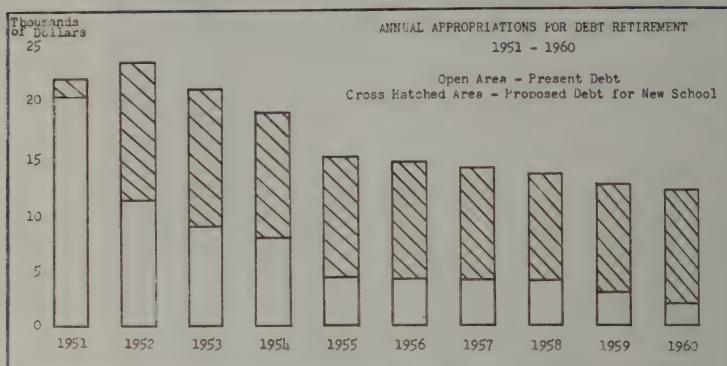
Length - 244 ft.

Width - 56 ft.

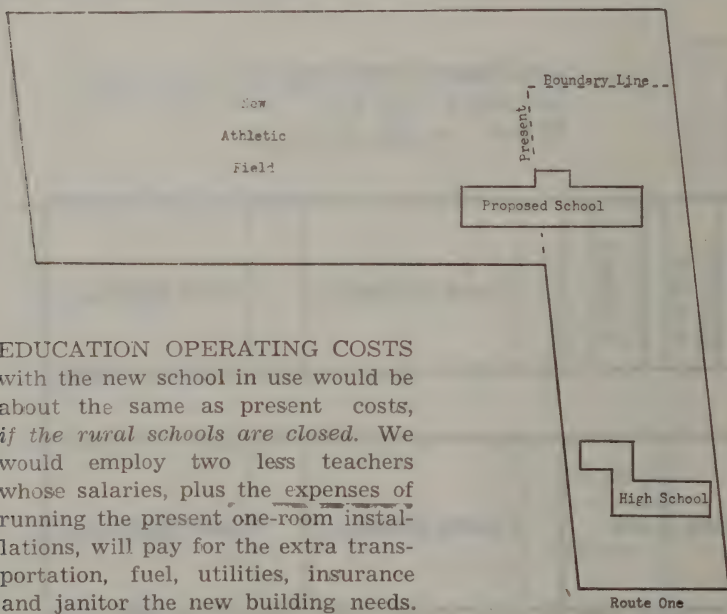
Closets

Toilet	Toilet	Storage	Class Room	Class Room
Class Room	Class Room	Class Room		

## WELLS ANNUAL REPORT



FINANCING the proposed school would be by bond issue and could be handled within the scope of our present budget, **without increase in our taxes.** The bar chart shows the annual appropriations necessary each year to retire existing debt plus the new debt floated for the proposed new school.



EDUCATION OPERATING COSTS with the new school in use would be about the same as present costs, *if the rural schools are closed.* We would employ two less teachers whose salaries, plus the expenses of running the present one-room installations, will pay for the extra transportation, fuel, utilities, insurance and janitor the new building needs.



## Delinquent Taxes

## 1949 TAXES

Bridges, Rodney	\$ 3.00
Cape Cod Farm	
Jelly House	23.38
Chadbourne, Hrs. Isaiah	240.55
Clark, Richard	19.28
Elkins, Robert W.	3.00
Forbes, Hrs. Bessie	.85
Hilton, Harold A., Jr.	.85
Jamieson, Frank & Sybil	9.58
Ladd, Harland	.51
MacDonald, Rose	.85
Stacy, Ernest B., Jr.	3.00
Warren	3.00
Welch, Wade H.	3.00
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	\$ 310.85

## 1949 TAX LIENS

Batchelder, Anna & Oscar Hubbard	\$ 1.52
Brown, Ida M.	71.88
Card, Gertrude	74.80
Coast of Maine Company	65.45
Elwell, James	9.75
Frisbee, Laura	46.75
Hall, Everett	56.10
Hamel, Cyrille	30.60
Harriman, Warren	18.18
Hill, Martha J.	9.78
Hilton, Evelyn	46.75
Jamieson, Frank & Sybil	76.08
Kimball, Oliver	39.53
Ladd, Harland & Lloyd Cole	65.45
Litchfield, Duane	156.40
MacDonald, Rose	119.00
Matthews, Carroll	48.03
Perkins, Bert & Barbara	21.25
Ramsdell, Clifford	26.50
Rouleau, Archie	5.10
Sharkey, Katherine	8.50
Smart, Harry & Lena	123.25
Towns, Theodore	31.88
Welch, Wade	84.58
Worthing, Robert	38.25
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	\$1,275.36

## 1950 TAXES

## Wells Resident

*Arsenault, Albert J.	\$ 97.02
Bennett, Frederick	3.00
Bernard, Gilbert	9.93
Bockman, Stanley	3.77
Boston, Roy	3.00
Bridges, Anna J.	77.77
*Ellsworth	37.35
Etta	30.03
*Gordon A.	46.97
*Harold, Mrs.	37.35
*Lindley	.77
*Paul E.	37.35
*Brown, Lester	19.25
Theo. & Olive	53.82
*Burgess, Donald	65.07
*Campbell, William H.	23.87
†Card, Gertrude A.	67.76
†Kenneth	.77
Chadbourne, Harris	3.00
Hrs. of Isaiah	217.14
Laura	5.78
*Chaloux, Roland	20.02
*Chase, Maurice	14.25
*Cheney, Barbara & L.	34.27
Clarrage, Nellie	33.50
Cluff, Howard	3.00
Coggeshall, Calvin	3.00
*Cole, Lloyd E.	.77
Comier, John R.	3.00
Cray, Manzer	3.00
Darling, John	94.63
Davock, Florence	.77
Downs, Edith	21.18
Everett	3.77
*Dufort, Roland	39.27
†Elwell, James	7.32
*Fenderson, Archie	167.20
*Ford, Louis	38.50
Freeland, Stanley	3.00
Gagne, Hormedass	3.00
*Gagnon, Gerard & Bertha	50.44
*Goodale, Roy	18.48
*Gray, Roland	32.73
†Gregoire, Godfoi	3.00
†Gregoire, Wilfred	3.85



# DELINQUENT TAXES

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Emery, Edward H.	341.11
Fillion, Albert & Lucy	59.29
Fillion, Theodore W.	84.70
Guay, Anna Marie	59.29
Hartwell, T. & Ryan, J.	7.70
Hill, Martha J.	8.86
Hussey, Charles L.	23.87
*Lamson, Blair & Leona	66.99
†Lindell, Carl & Mildred	33.88
Linscott, Freeman	1.93
Littlefield, A. Drew	15.40
Rodney J. M.	8.47
*Lopez, Tony	1.22
Mathes, John R.	8.47
*Mettey, Harriett A.	80.00
Michaud, Rosa E.	50.82
†Moulton, F. Raymond	1.93
†Nadeau, William	3.85
Noel, Joseph	249.10
North, James A.	101.64
Paulin, Irene	228.69
Porrell, Louise	8.47
Rouleau, Archie	4.62
†Shapleigh, Ethel R.	341.88
Stickney, Myron	57.75
Thayer, Myron & Dorothy	160.93
True, Howard S.	259.49
Van Note, Grace	93.94
*Waterhouse, R. Sidney	65.48
Welch, James & Evelyn	25.41
Whitehouse, Arnold	67.76

## Ogunquit Resident

†Batchelder & Hubbard	2.93
Brown, Ida M.	93.17
Clogston, Doris Brown	67.76
*Coggeshall, Harold	11.52
Dixon, Hrs. Goodale	41.58
Elkins, Robert	3.00
*Ganellas, Constantine	755.37
*Johnson, Frank	31.57
*LaPointe, Roderique	9.63
†Litchfield, Robert	57.67
Montgomery, Harry N.	34.77
†Parkhurst, Dorothy H.	220.22
Perkins, Ernest L.	51.13
*Ramsdell, Clifford	69.30
*Soule, George	46.20
*Tower, William R., Jr.	92.40
†West, George R.	1,200.74
*Wright, Arthur & D.	43.14

## Ogunquit Non-Resident

Blouin, Leonard	12.71
Breitenbach, C. R.	15.40
Brown, Dave	12.71
Burniston, Robert	12.71
Cape Cod Farm	
Jelly House	21.18
Cronin, Martha I.	65.45
Dempsey, V. & Mayer, E.	123.20
Gifford, Charles	12.71
†Hackett, Clinton & Ruby	1.00
Hobart, Glenn, Jr.	12.71
Jadis, Arthur	12.71
Kiniry, Ralph & Dorcas	237.16
Lambert, Herbert & Pearl	82.39
*Leshansky, Lillian H.	89.42
Littlefield, Walter P.	18.10
Mogavero, Dorothy & George	16.94
Oliver, George & Sadie	16.94
Peterson, Ethel I.	515.90
Swett, Leon	15.40
Turberville, Don A.	126.67
†Wing, Doris Clough	11.55
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\$11,419.96	

\* Partially paid before Feb. 1.  
† Paid in full or in part since Feb. 1.



## Abatements

### 1949 ABATEMENTS

<i>Wells Resident</i>	
Beamis, Elwell—Unknown	3.00
Boston, Heirs of Ralph—Widow of veteran	59.50
Brown, William C.—Over 70	3.00
Butler, Benjamin—Non-resident	3.00
Card, Raymond—Non-resident	3.00
Ellsworth, Elmer—Paid in N. H.	3.00
Elwell, James—House overvalued	4.25
Emery, John—Deceased	3.00
Goodwin and Colby—Overvalued land	37.40
Gowen, Norman—Land not owned	5.10
Harmon, Payson—Fire	51.00
Harris, Harvey—S/C Disability, No trailer	11.50
Hayes, Walter—S/C disability	3.00
Houston, Harold—No poll, Property taxed twice	39.13
Howard, Richard—S/C disability	3.00
Hunt, Paul K.—Polled twice	3.00
Kimball, Frank—Unknown	3.00
Oliver—Over 70	3.00
Lewingdon, Ralph—S/C disability	3.00
Linscott, Freeman—Fire	10.63
Litchfield, Clifton—Paid in York	3.00
Littlefield, Howard—Polled twice	3.00
Walter—Overvalued	11.25
Markos, James—Unknown	3.00
Miller, Arthur B.—Over 70	3.00
Herbert S.—Non-resident	3.00
Moody, Donald—No radio	.85
Nason, Leroy—Over 70	3.00
Perrow, Emma—No radio	.85
Ramsdell, Raymond—Over 70, No radio	3.85
Rickard, Ernest S.—Deceased	3.00
Reed, George W.—Non-resident	3.00
Searles, Albert C.—Unknown	3.00
Smith, Ernest J., Jr.—Polled twice	3.00
Steeves, Anthony—Deceased	3.00
Tufts, Wilfred—Paid in Kingfield	3.00
Volke, Herman—Non-resident	3.00
West, Randolph—Paid in Caribou	3.00
York, Harry B.—Paid in Sanford	3.00
<i>Wells Non-Resident</i>	
Littlefield, Heirs Edwin I.—Overvalued lot	9.35
Standard Oil of New York—No such taxpayer	119.00
Stearns, Nancy—Town-owned land	42.50
Welch, James and Evelyn—Land overvalued	28.05
<i>Ogunquit Resident</i>	
Bryant, Athleen—Overvalued buildings	17.00
Connors, Charles—Unknown	3.00
Fernald, Maynard—S/C disability	3.00

# ABATEMENTS

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Hill, Herbert—House overvalued	13.60
Lord, Hamlyn—Lot not owned	18.70
Milinski, Frank—Paid in Dayton	3.00
Perkins, Herbert—Gas pump not owned	10.63
Philip O.—Non-resident	3.00
Stevens, Lester Chester—No horse	4.25
Stevens, Lester Chester—Land not owned	4.67
Stevens, George and Lester—Livestock not owned	13.18
<i>Ogunquit Non-resident</i>	
Clarke, Richard—Equipment overvalued	23.22
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	\$ 632.46

## 1950 ABATEMENTS

### *Wells Resident*

Abbott, William*—Property not owned	46.20
Bridges, Elmer—No radio	.77
Brown, Addie P.—House overvalued	7.37
Charles—Property taxed twice	143.22
Budd, Marvin—No radio	.77
Cole, Charles—Radio taxed twice	.77
Collett, Flossie—Property taxed twice	62.76
Davis, Charles—Lot not owned	4.24
Dumont, Paul—No TV on April 1	2.70
Eaton, Lester—Radio taxed twice	.77
Fenderson, George—Ten cows not owned	15.40
Garrett, Dick—Under 21	3.00
Gerow, John, Jr.—Non-resident	3.00
Goodwin, Ernest—Stock overvalued	3.85
Hamlyn, Chas. & Marie—No radio	.77
Hayes, Harry—Polled twice	3.00
Hilton, Harold Sr.—Boat overvalued	3.85
Jones, E. A.—Unknown	3.77
John—Polled twice	3.00
Knight, Ana—Land overvalued	7.70
Lowell, Nathan—No radio	.77
Matthews, Chas.—Non-resident	3.00
McCarthy, Cornelius—No radio	.77
McLean, John—Over 70	3.00
Miller, Andrew—Over 70	3.00
Morse, Albert—Deceased	3.00
O'Donnell, James—S/C disability	3.00
Porter, Earl S.—Property taxed twice	98.95
Rhodes, Lillian—Land not owned	6.16
Richards, Paul—Total S/C disability	119.35
Sevigny, Peter—Unknown	3.00
Shanahan, Lillian—House overvalued	5.78
Siegal, Hadassah—Land not owned	3.85
Smith, Annie—Radio taxed twice	.77
Southworth, Haven—Store equipment overvalued	3.85
Taylor, Donald—Property not owned	36.97
James—Unknown	3.77

Tilton, George—Overvalued land	17.33
Waak, Henry—Furniture overvalued	23.87
Webber, Harry—Stock taxed twice	16.17
West, Ida and Emma Jones—Land overvalued	18.48
<i>Wells Non-Resident</i>	
Adams, Nelson—Land taxed twice	19.25
Allan, James, Jr.—Veteran's widow	23.49
Berg, Hazel—Cabin equipment overvalued	3.08
Cheney, Heirs Alfred and Howard—Woodlot overvalued	48.28
Dagan, Samuel—Land overvalued	7.70
Denby, James and Angie—House not owned	53.90
Gilchrist, Carl and Ruth—Land overvalued	7.70
Lamson, Blair—House overvalued	15.40
Lavasseur, Alfred—Overvalued buildings	7.70
Littlefield, Ethel—Land overvalued	9.62
Lord, Mrs. William—Land overvalued	2.31
Mathews, Wilbur and Maurice—Houses not owned	94.71
Maurice—House not owned	36.19
Dawson, Louise and Nancy—Land not owned	15.40
Roberts, David and Diana—House overvalued	21.18
Skillings and Littlefield—Property not owned	169.40
Stearns, Nancy—Land overvalued	9.63
Waddington, Ben—Land not owned	23.10
<i>Ogunquit Resident</i>	
Bracey, Oliver—Over 70	3.00
Davis, Fred—No boat on April 1	15.40
Eckman, Frank—Non-resident	3.00
Freeman, Harold—Non-resident	3.00
Grover, Phillip—Non-resident	3.77
Hewes, Russell—Non-resident	3.00
Hills, Marjorie—Female	3.00
Goodfellow, Harold—Non-resident	3.00
Littlefield Ogunquit Camps—Cabin equipment overvalued	3.03
Littlefield, Maurice—House overvalued	13.47
Lucille—Radio taxed twice	.77
Perkins, Bessie—Radio taxed twice	.77
Edwin—Over 70, Radio taxed twice	3.77
Rode, Helena—No radio	.77
Spinney, Merton—S/C disability, No radio	3.77
Tower, Elmer—S/C disability	3.00
Turner, Joseph—Non-resident	3.00
Welch, Leslie—Polled twice	3.00
West, George R.—No piano	3.85
<i>Ogunquit Non-Resident</i>	
Armstrong, John—Boat not here April 1, 1950	15.40
Blake, Harry—Lot not owned	11.55

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\$ 1,363 16

\* This was abated in error. Mr. Abbott paid a supplemental tax of \$34.65 on this property in 1951.



## Supplemental Taxes

1949		Clarence	3.00
		Clayton	3.00
Bailey, Louis	3.00	Boucher, Edward	3.00
Bassett, Dwight	3.00	Bridges, Casper	3.00
Chadwick, Alton	3.00	Rodney	3.00
Cray, Sterling Lee	3.00	Sidney	3.00
Fenderson, Maurice	3.00	Bryant, Wilbur	3.00
Hamel, Cyrille	3.00	Burton, Dudley	3.00
Hayes, Alvin	3.00	Carnegie, David	3.00
Harold	3.00	Carver, John	3.00
Leon P.	3.00	Chalcoux, Alphonse	3.00
Hilton, Austin	3.00	Chase, Forest	3.00
Hotte, Roland, Jr.	3.00	Chick, Forest	3.00
Hutchins, Raymond	3.00	Ciccolo, Rosaire	3.00
Kirkpatrick, John	3.00	Clark, Leslie	3.00
King, Jackson P.	3.00	Robert W.	3.00
Lacoy, Arthur	3.00	Collins, John	3.00
Leighton, Justin	3.00	Constantine, James	3.00
Moore, Charles, Jr.	3.00	Cooke, Edith &	
Morawa, Hugo	3.00	Alice Nichols	15.40
Pancoast, Morris	3.00	Coombs, Raymond	3.00
Plant, George	3.00	Corneau, Barton	3.00
Poisson, George	3.00	Cowan, Herbert	3.00
Reed, Herman	3.00	Crosier, C. L.	3.00
Rhodes, Roland	3.00	Curtis, Burton	3.00
Roberts, Clifford	3.00	Davis, Nathaniel	3.00
Smalley, Francis	3.00	Day, Edward	3.00
Steiger, Ferd	3.00	Gerald	3.00
Strickland, Woodrow	3.00	Robert	3.00
Vannah, Hersey	3.00	Delano, Frederick	3.00
Volke, Herman	3.00	Donby, James & Angie	33.88
Wells, John	3.00	Dixon, Arthur	3.00
		Drew, Herbert F.	3.00
	\$ 90.00	Dunaway, Judson	3.00
		Dustin, Richard	3.00
1950		Emery, Albert	3.00
		Evans, Willis	3.00
Adams, Donald	3.00	Farley, Herbert	3.00
Frank	3.00	Fenderson, George	3.00
Richmond	3.00	Fernald, John	3.00
Aldrich, Walter	3.00	Fitch, Walter	3.00
Allen, Cedric	3.00	Fogg, Walter	3.00
Clifford	3.00	Folsom, Ray	82.47
Alpren, Harry	3.00	Freeman, Harold	3.00
Anderson, R. A.	3.00	Roy	3.00
Bacon, Roger J.	3.00	Garrett, Richard	3.00
Bassett, Dwight	3.00	Goff, Clarence	3.00
Beaulieu, Rene P.	3.00	Gooch, Frank	3.00
Boston, Arthur	3.00	Gown, Mary G.	25.41

Norman	3.00	Lawrence	3.00
Grant, Lawrence D.	3.00	Phillip	3.00
Gray, Harold L.	11.55	Perry, Walter	3.00
Hampe, Henry	3.00	Pike, Carl	3.00
Harrington, Nathaniel	3.00	Pingree, Thomas C.	3.00
Harris, Harold	3.00	Poisson, Andre	26.10
Hayes, Harold	3.00	Poole, Herbert S.	3.00
Leon	3.00	Poulson, John	3.00
Hazlett, Mervil	3.00	Quilonia, Victor	3.00
Hill, Owen E.	3.00	Ramsdell, Harold	3.00
Owen E., Jr.	3.00	Randall, Arthur	8.47
Owen E., Jr. & Sr.	25.41	Reed, Herman	3.00
Hoagland, Byron	3.00	Reeves, Forest	3.00
Hotte, Roland, Jr.	3.00	Rice, Harold	3.00
Hubbard, Oscar	3.00	Richards, Maud M.	43.89
Hutchins, Floyd	3.00	Robertson, William	3.00
Raymond	3.00	Robichaud, Robert	3.00
Iannuccillo, Anthony	3.00	Robinson, Emile	3.00
Jackson, George	3.00	Rogers, Robert	3.00
Jean, George W.	3.00	Sayward, George	3.00
Jellison, William	3.00	Shorey, M. J.	3.00
Kemp, Carroll	3.00	Smalley, Francis	3.00
Frederick	3.00	Smith, Clinton	3.00
Kennard, Charles O.	3.00	Snow, John H.	3.00
Kimball, Arthur	3.00	Sprague, Peter	3.00
Dwight	3.00	St. Hilaire, Edward	53.90
Langell, Clayton	3.00	Studley, George	3.00
Litchfield, Robert	3.00	Tide Water Ass. Oil Co.	57.75
Littlefield, Marcus	3.00	Tillinghast, Robert	3.00
Roland	3.00	Tobey, Richard	3.00
Roland S.	281.44	Tufts, Arthur	3.00
Winfield C.	130.90	Herbert, Jr.	3.00
Marcille, David	3.00	Turner, Joseph	3.00
Marsters, E. H.	3.00	Vibert, Margaret	53.90
Mayo, Charles	3.00	Volke, Herman	3.00
McAfee, Burton W.	3.00	Walsh, John	3.00
McClellan, James	3.00	Ward, James	3.00
McLaughlin, John	3.00	Weare, Stanley	3.00
Thomas	3.00	Wentworth, Charles	3.00
McLean, Carden	3.00	Whitlock, Robert & Gwendolyn	163.90
Mooers, Roger B.	3.00	Wilkinson, John	3.00
Mooney, Geneva & Mildred	159.78	Wilson, Harold V.	3.00
Morgan, John W.	3.00	Worcester, Lewis	3.00
Morris, George	3.00	York, Eben	3.00
Moulton, Lloyd	3.00	Young, Arthur F.	3.00
Murray, William	3.00	Clarence	3.00
Newhall, Ernest	3.00	Harold	3.00
Nowak, Gordon	3.00	Russell	3.00
Olson, John A.	3.00		
Perkins, Bert	3.00		
Gordon	3.00		
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			\$1,601.15

# Wages and Salaries

## Wages and Salaries

Allen, Richard	144.02
Bennett, Pauline	2,115.00
Bixby, Harvey	2,915.00
Boston, Thelma	1,940.00
Bradeen, Ruth	2,100.00
Brannen, Hallis	108.00
Bridges, Ellsworth, Jr.	240.76
Gerald	346.94
Gordon	118.75
Lester	971.75
Lindley	356.65
Ralph	2,376.13
Chute, Fred	1,020.81
Colby, Edith	1,865.00
Crissell, John	393.50
Curtis, Burton	2,820.00
Jane	2,160.00
Davis, Marion	2,100.00
Edgecomb, Lenora	2,700.00
Firth, Everett	540.00
Freeman, Marion	2,920.00
Goodale, Donald	345.76
Joseph	123.00
Grant, Margaret	2,350.00
Hanson, Ralph	225.76
Hatch, Marie	2,700.00
Hilton, Hartley	708.00
Hipple, Edward	400.00
Holder, Norman	3,855.00
Hubbard, Casper	1,560.22
Kelley, Merrill	1,951.00
Kemp, Barbara	1,458.44
Knight, Harriett	102.15
Litchfield, Lloyd	2,457.90
Littlefield, Nellie	1,900.00
Raymond	1,000.00
Robert	400.00
Lord, Gertrude	122.20
Lowe, Vivian	1,900.00
McCullough, Verna	720.00
Malkson, Nora	2,325.00
Marriner, Ernest C., Jr.	4,188.47
Martin, Russell	2,572.00
Miller, Maxine	160.50
Moody, Donald	108.00
Norton, Jeanette	1,800.00
Olsen, Allen	2,021.65
Peaslee, Barbara	1,380.00
Perkins, Esselyn	1,975.00

Peterson, Andrew	120.00
Petrella, Mary	880.00
Rode, Helena	1,900.00
Rousseau, Alfred	635.00
Sayward, Leona	1,730.00
Smith, Clinton	400.00
Smith, Nathan	339.00
Spiller, Beatrice	1,900.00
Stewart, Hartley	1,000.00
Simonds, Leila H.	353.12
Steward, Raymond	1,093.00
Trafton, Bernette	120.00
Charles	108.00
Maynard	166.60
Ward, Dorothy	1,835.00
Weymouth, Ethel	3,195.00
Wing, Albert	3,000.00
Woodworth, Alice	1,900.00
Wormwood, Zoe	1,975.00

## Equipment Rentals

Abbott, William	321.00
Batchelder, Willis	358.13
Brewster, Gordon	534.00
Bridges, Gordon	362.11
Ralph	768.00
Brown, Carl	342.00
Charles	826.20
Lester	2,438.60
Clarrage, Charles	308.00
Merrill	259.50
Colby, Clarence	468.00
Raymond	250.50
Collins, Cornelius	260.90
Goodwin, Fred	7,320.80
Hanson, Willis	432.00
Hatch, Ned	549.00
Hayes, John	2,920.00
Hilton, Hartley	594.50
Hubbard, Russell	518.00
James, Donald	801.00
Johnson, Raymond	477.00
Jones, Elwin	453.61
Litchfield, Lloyd	396.50
Oliver, Perry	3,740.30
Pierce, Herman	780.00
Mildred	880.50
Portland Pump Co.	656.25
Smith, Colby	188.07



# APPROPRIATIONS STATEMENT 1950-51

	Appropriations from Taxes	Other Credits	Total Available	Spent	Balance	Overdraft
Administration	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 3,619.57	\$ 16,369.57	\$ 15,412.47	\$ 957.10	\$
Town Hall Building	1,400.00	1,991.24	3,391.24	3,373.89	17.35	
Tax Acquired Property	0	3,103.33	3,103.33	892.68	2,210.65	
Total General Government	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 8,714.14	\$ 22,864.14	\$ 19,679.04	\$ 3,185.10	\$
Summer Maintenance—General	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,995.16	\$ 8,995.16	\$ 8,854.31	\$ 140.85	\$
Summer Maintenance—Tar	2,000.00	4,000.75	6,000.75	5,404.26	596.49	
Winter Maintenance	7,150.00	5,850.00	13,000.00	12,280.38	719.62	
Town Road Improvement	0	2,567.17	2,567.17	2,618.00		50.83
State Aid Construction	2,666.00	2,703.98	5,369.98	5,495.82		125.84
Equipment	7,500.00	5,649.77	13,149.77	13,199.13		49.36
Sidewalks	1,000.00	0	1,000.00	318.04	681.96	
Seawall Construction	1,500.00	3,700.00	5,200.00	5,504.11		304.11
Parking Areas	5,000.00	0	5,000.00	1,956.37	3,043.63	
Total Highways	\$ 29,816.00	\$ 30,466.83	\$ 60,282.83	\$ 55,630.42	\$ 5,182.55	\$ 530.14

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Health Officer	\$	350.00	\$	0	\$	350.00	\$	411.67	\$	61.67
Sanitation		500.00		0		500.00		660.15		160.15
Dump		1,000.00		0		1,000.00		1,077.58		77.58
Nurse		3,200.00		0		3,200.00		3,332.83		132.83
Total Health	\$	5,050.00	\$	0	\$	5,050.00	\$	5,482.23	\$	432.23
Police	\$	1,500.00	\$	0	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,340.74	\$	159.26
Fire Fighting		625.00		147.48		772.48		791.38		18.90
Highpine Fire Association		900.00		0		900.00		405.47		494.53†
Wells Beach Hose Co.		2,000.00		26.40		2,026.40		2,026.71		.31
Wells Corner Hose Co.		1,500.00		4,500.00		6,000.00		2,604.53		3,395.47†
Street Lights		4,100.00		0		4,100.00		4,034.15		65.85
Hydrants		3,400.00		0		3,400.00		3,329.18		70.82
Sanford Road Water		400.00		400.00		800.00		328.90		471.10
Stephen Eaton Road Water		0		800.00		800.00		0		800.00†
Total Protection	\$	14,425.00	\$	5,873.88	\$	20,298.88	\$	14,861.06	\$	5,457.03
Town Poor	\$	14,000.00	\$	480.94	\$	14,480.94	\$	13,722.73	\$	758.21
Aid to Dependent Children		2,000.00		0		2,000.00		806.94		1,193.06
Other Towns Poor		0		1,222.84		1,222.84		1,222.84		0
State Poor		0		2,209.99		2,209.99		2,209.99		0
Total Charity	\$	16,000.00	\$	3,913.77	\$	19,913.77	\$	17,962.50	\$	1,951.27

Common Schools	\$ 34,713.12	\$ 25,282.82	\$ 59,995.94	\$ 56,669.09	\$ 3,326.85†	\$ 443.94
High School	21,088.71	4,215.59	25,304.30	22,181.50	3,122.80†	
High School Conveyance	0	5,379.46	5,379.46	5,379.46		
School Supplies	3,616.12	1,213.20	4,829.32	4,619.57	209.75†	
School Repairs	3,000.00	294.43	3,294.43	2,437.78	856.65†	
Textbooks	1,914.52	413.55	2,328.07	1,852.78	475.29†	
Apparatus	300.00	0	300.00	743.94		
Graduation	104.05	0	104.05	104.05		
Superintendent	1,040.00	61.00	1,101.00	1,094.00	7.00†	
School Insurance		28.08	28.08	0	28.08	
School Utilities	1,685.92	588.36	2,274.28	1,850.52	423.76†	
Domestic Arts	2,139.81	310.19	2,450.00	2,138.67	311.33†	
Manual Arts	2,752.29	947.71	3,700.00	3,270.36	429.64†	
Evening School	945.46	497.74	1,443.20	1,007.46	435.74†	
Band	740.00	0	740.00	740.00		
Expansion of Facilities	0	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Total Education	\$ 74,040.00	\$ 42,232.13	\$116,272.13	\$106,089.18	\$10,626.89	\$ 443.94
Public Toilets	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 4,800.01	\$ 299.99	\$
Life Saving Equipment	0	272.22	272.22	167.28	104.94	
Publicity	700.00	0	700.00	700.00		
Memorial Day	200.00	0	200.00	200.00		
Trees	1,000.00	0	1,000.00	492.90	507.10	
Total Recreation	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 5,072.22	\$ 7,272.22	\$ 6,360.19	\$ 912.03	\$



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State Tax	\$ 27,834.03	\$	0	\$ 27,834.03	\$ 27,834.03	\$	\$
County Tax	6,840.21		0	6,840.21	6,840.21		
Ogunquit Village Corp.	79,033.78		0	79,033.78	79,033.78		
Insurance	5,700.00		0	5,700.00	5,635.64		64.36
Clams	400.00		0	400.00	341.75		58.25
Cemetery	400.00		0	400.00	400.00		
Abatements	1,000.00		0	1,000.00	1,995.62		995.62
Tax Discounts	0		2,500.00	2,500.00	2,100.57		399.43
Tax Refunds	42.75		0	42.75	42.75		
Debt and Interest	22,200.00		.69	22,200.69	21,098.26		1,102.43
Total Other	\$143,450.77	\$	2,500.69	\$145,951.46	\$145,322.61	\$	1,624.47
Overlay	\$ 6,495.50	\$	0	\$ 6,495.50	\$	\$	\$ 6,495.50
Auto Excise Tax*	0		3,922.19	3,922.19	3,690.80		231.39
Interest on Taxes	0		921.53	921.53	.02		921.51
Supplemental Taxes	0		1,691.15	1,691.15	0		1,691.15
Total Income Accounts	\$ 6,495.50	\$	6,534.87	\$ 13,030.37	\$ 3,690.82	\$	9,339.55
GRAND TOTAL	\$305,627.27	\$105,308.53	\$410,935.80	\$375,078.05	\$38,278.89	\$	\$2,421.14

\* This figure does not include \$11,920.00 which was credited directly to Highway Accounts.

† These balances are to be carried forward.

# TOWN WARRANT

## Annual Town Meeting, March 10, 1951

To Gordon Bridges, a Constable of the Town of Wells, County of York and State of Maine, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wells, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the High School Auditorium in said Town of Wells on Saturday, the 10th day of March, A. D., 1951 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside.**

**Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Assessors and seven Selectmen for the ensuing year; and one member of the Superintending School Committee for three years.**

**Article 3. To hear the report of the School Planning Committee, appointed by the Superintending School Committee, and to see what action, if any, the town will take on their recommendations for a new consolidated grammar school, or on any other proposals for school expansion.**

B. C. recommends immediate erection of the nine room school proposed by the School Planning Committee and appointment of a building committee to supervise construction, with authority to spend not more than \$125,000 for land, building, equipment and other expenses.

**Article 4. To see what sum of money, if any, at what interest rate and under what conditions the town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow to effectuate the action taken under Article 3, and to see if the town will authorize said officials to do any and all acts necessary or convenient to procure said loan.**

B. C. recommends borrowing not to exceed \$125,000 to be retired within 15 years.

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize Raymond B. Steward, Superintendent of Schools, to apply to the Federal Security Administration for a Certificate of Entitlement under PL 815 which will determine the Town of Wells' eligibility for a Federal School Construction subsidy, and to see if the Town will pass the following resolution pertaining thereto:

Be It Resolved by the Town of Wells: That the construction of a nine room grammar school is necessary and in the public interest should be provided at an early date; that for the construction of the aforesaid facility it is desired to obtain financial assistance from the United States of America under Title II of PL 815, 81st Congress, 2nd Session, approved Sept. 23, 1950; that Raymond B. Steward is hereby authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Wells an application in the form required by the Commissioner of Education under PL 815 requesting payment by the United States of America of funds to assist said town in meeting the cost of constructing said facility; that the cost of such school facility being estimated to approximate \$125,000, and application to the United States for the amount of \$50,000 being authorized, \$75,000 shall be raised by the Town of Wells through general obligation bonds; that Raymond B. Steward is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the Town of Wells for the purpose of furnishing to the United States of America such information, data, and documents pertaining to the application for funds as may be necessary, and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with such application; and that certified copies of this resolution be included as a part of the application for funds to be submitted to the United States of America; provided however that if the Federal grant is known at the time the Selectmen and Treasurer borrow the funds authorized in Article 4 above, their authorization to borrow shall be reduced by the amount of such grant; and provided further that if there is apparent likelihood of a Federal grant of undetermined amount at the time said officials borrow the funds authorized, they shall make proper arrangements to provide for the prompt retirement of such part of the authorized borrowing as seems to them likely to be covered by said



Federal grant, and they shall retire such part of said borrowed funds when such Federal grant is paid to the Town.

B. C. recommends "yes".

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax-acquired property on such terms and to such purchasers as they shall deem for the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute and deliver Quit-Claim Deeds without Covenant in release of same.

B. C. recommends "yes".

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow not exceeding \$200,00 in anticipation of and to be paid from 1951 taxes, and to set a maximum rate of interest therefor.

B. C. recommends "yes".

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute leases for a term of years not exceeding five with present and future tenants of town hall stores and offices at such rental prices as are from time to time set by the town.

B. C. recommends "yes".

Article 9. To see if the town will request the 95th legislature to enact a bill providing a council-manager charter for the Town of Wells.

B. C. recommends that the Moderator appoint a committee of not less than nine members to study the charter proposal and to make recommendations to the 95th Legislature and to the 1952 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 10. To see if the town will request the 95th legislature to enact a bill creating the Wells Beach Sewer District.

B. C. recommends "yes".

Article 11. To see if the town will authorize the installation of hydrants in the following general locations, the exact spots to be selected by the Town Manager.

1. On Sanford Road near end of water main.
2. On Landing Road near intersection of Oceanview Avenue.
3. Three on Ocean Avenue at Moody Point.

**4. Two on Bourne Avenue between Route 1 and the marsh.**

B. C. recommends "yes" on all locations.

**Article 12. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 84, RS 1944 providing for a municipal planning board.**

B. C. recommends "yes".

**Article 13. To see if the town will enact the following ordinance regulating clam-digging:**

- 1. No person may dig clams within the town of Wells without first obtaining a municipal clam-digging license, for which no fee shall be charged.**
- 2. Any person violating the provisions of the ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$10.**

B. C. recommends "yes".

**Article 14. To see if the town will close the Doctor's Creek clam flats from May 15, 1951 to October 1, 1953 for conservation purposes.**

B. C. recommends "yes".

**Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the installation of street lights in the following locations:**

- 1. Near Wells Corner Post Office.**
- 2. On Route 1 near Buffam's Hill.**
- 3. On Landing Road and Oceanview Avenue.**
- 4. At Highpine Fire Station.**

B. C. recommends "yes" on all locations.

**Article 16. To see if the town will accept the following streets as laid out by the Selectmen, metes and bounds of which are on file in the Town Clerk's Records. (Book K, Page 452 and 453.)**

- 1. Ocean Avenue at Moody Beach (south end).**
- 2. Atlantic Avenue at Wells Beach (north end).**
- 3. Pickett Avenue (off Atlantic Avenue).**
- 4. Richard Boulevard (off Eldridge Road).**
- 5. Sullivan Drive (off Hilton's Lane).**

B. C. recommends "yes" on first four layouts. No recommendation on the fifth.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey to Frank Mildram a right-of-way between the Town Hall and the Wells Corner Fire Station to give him access to Central Avenue from his lot behind the new service station.

B. C. recommends granting a restricted right of way which could not be blocked off to use by vehicles serving the stores in the Town Hall Building, provided the Mildrams will relinquish the reversion clause in the deed to the Town Hall property.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will amend the zoning ordinance by adding a paragraph to Section 8 as follows:

H. The Board of Appeals may by unanimous vote of its full membership grant a special permit for a non-conforming use without a petition as provided in paragraph "A" above, if in their judgment, it is in the best interests of the town to do so.

B. C. recommends "yes".

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable; and to see what rate of discount, if any, the Town will allow on taxes paid before a certain date, and what rate of interest, if any, the Town will charge on taxes paid after a certain date.

B. C. recommends a 1% discount on taxes paid before Sept. 1, interest at  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  in October, 1% in November, etc.

### APPROPRIATION ARTICLES

**Article 20.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for General Government.

	Requested	Recommended
Administration	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 17,400.00
Town Hall Building	3,750.00	3,750.00
Total	\$ 21,150.00	\$ 21,150.00
Less Rents	1,700.00	1,700.00
From Taxes	\$ 19,450.00	\$ 19,450.00

**Article 21.** To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Highway Maintenance.

Summer Maintenance—General	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
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Summer Maintenance—Tar	6,000.00	6,000.00
Winter Maintenance	13,000.00	13,000.00

Total	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
Less Auto Excise Taxes and Highway Income	15,150.00	15,150.00

From Taxes	\$ 12,850.00	\$ 12,850.00
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**Article 22. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Construction.**

State Aid Construction	\$ 5,864.00	\$ 5,864.00
State Subsidy	2,932.00	2,932.00

From Taxes	\$ 2,932.00	\$ 2,932.00
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(½ of State Subsidy to be given to Ogunquit)

**Article 23. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Beach Improvements.**

Seawall Construction	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Parking Areas	1,000.00	1,000.00

From Taxes	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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**Article 24. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Sidewalks.**

From Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 300.00
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**Article 25. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Protection of Persons and Property.**

Police	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,100.00
Fire Fighting	1,000.00	500.00
Hydrants	3,800.00	3,600.00
Sanford Road Water	328.90	328.90
Highpine Fire Assn.	1,394.53	1,144.53
Wells Beach Hose Co.	2,500.00	2,500.00
Wells Corner Fire Whistle	200.00	200.00
Wells Corner New Truck	5,767.60	\$ 5,767.60
Wells Corner Hose Company	1,844.47	1,344.47
Street and Traffic Lights	4,300.00	4,300.00

	\$ 28,135.50	\$ 23,785.50
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Less Balances Forward\* and  
Other Credits

	4,040.00	4,040.00
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From Taxes \$ 24,095.50 \$ 19,745.50  
 \* Highpine balance is \$494.53; Wells Corner New Truck balance is \$2,851.00; Wells Corner Maintenance balance is \$544.47.

**Article 26. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Health and Sanitation.**

Nurse	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,350.00
Dump	1,000.00	1,000.00
Street Cleaning	700.00	700.00
Health	75.00	75.00

From Taxes \$ 5,125.00 \$ 5,125.00

**Article 27. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Education.**

C. S. Teachers*	\$ 44,650.00	\$ 43,550.00
C. S. Fuel	3,900.00	3,900.00
C. S. Janitor*	2,500.00	2,900.00
C. S. Conveyance	13,100.00	13,100.00
H. S. Salaries*	27,125.00	28,825.00
H. S. Fuel	1,000.00	1,000.00
H. S. Janitor*	910.00	1,110.00
H. S. Conveyance	5,500.00	5,500.00
Textbooks	2,000.00	2,000.00
Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00
Utilities	1,250.00	1,500.00
Repairs	3,000.00	3,000.00
Apparatus	1,100.00	1,100.00
Band	740.00	740.00
Superintendent	1,050.00	1,050.00
Evening School	1,000.00	1,000.00
Home Economics	100.00	100.00
Manual Arts	750.00	750.00
Graduation	100.00	100.00

\$114,775.00 \$116,225.00

Less State Subsidy,  
 Beginning Balance  
 and Education Income

26,650.00 26,650.00

From Taxes

\$ 88,125.00 \$ 89,575.00

\* The budget committee recommendations provide a \$200 annual increase for all full-time teachers and janitors.

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## Article 28. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Charity.

Town Poor	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00	1,500.00
From Taxes	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,500.00

## Article 29. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Recreation.

Toilets	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Life Saving Equipment	250.00	250.00
Publicity	1,200.00	1,200.00
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00
Trees	800.00	800.00
Less Shared Taxes	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
	250.00	250.00
From Taxes	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00

## Article 30. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate to meet our obligation to the Ogunquit Village Corporation in accordance with the terms of their charter.

From Excise Tax	\$ 3,450.00	3,450.00
From Taxes	69,656.50	69,656.50
Total	\$ 73,106.50	\$ 73,106.50

## Article 31. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate to retire notes and bonds as they become due and to pay interest on outstanding obligations of the town.

Total	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
From Beginning Balances	19,500.00	19,500.00
From Taxes	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

## Article 32. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the following Miscellaneous Accounts.

Insurance	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
Clam Propagation	400.00	400.00
Ocean View Cemetery	400.00	400.00
Abatements	2,000.00	2,000.00
Discounts	2,000.00	2,000.00



Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Less Sales of Tax-Acquired Property and Other Income	3,000.00	3,000.00
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From Taxes	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00

Article 33. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate to reimburse Charles Davis for taxes paid in error in prior years.

From Taxes	\$ 32.82	\$ 32.82
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Article 34. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to take appropriate legal and investigatory action to determine the true boundary lines of the cemetery on the east side of Route 1 at Buffam's Hill, and to see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate therefor.

From Taxes	\$ 1,000.00	0
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Article 35. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for plans and preliminary work and as a construction reserve for a new Town Garage.

From Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
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Article 36. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for a subsidy to the local post of the V. F. W. for observance of patriotic holidays.

From Taxes	0	\$ 200.00
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Article 37. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen from time to time to adopt official names for streets and roads and to place street numbers on houses.

B. C. recommends "yes".

Article 38. To see if the town will amend the Itinerant Vendor's ordinance passed under Article 11 in the 1950 Annual Meeting by repealing Paragraph 3 "Fees" and substituting the following therefor:

"3. Fees. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid to the town by the licensee prior to the issuance of each license."

B. C. recommends making the fee ten dollars.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to extend to certain town employees the benefits of Title II of the

Social Security Act, to authorize the Treasurer to withhold from the wages of said employees the deductions provided for by said act, and to authorize the Selectmen to take any action necessary to enter into such a plan with federal and state agencies, the town's contribution for each employee to be taken from the expense accounts charged with the employees' earnings.

B. C. recommends "yes".

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at their office in the Town Hall Building at Wells Corner on March 7, 8 and 9 from nine o'clock in the forenoon to four o'clock in the afternoon.

The polls will be open for election of Town Officers from nine o'clock a. m. to one-thirty o'clock p. m. on the day and at the place of the meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due service of this warrant and returns of your doings thereon at the time and place of this meeting. Given under our hands this 15th day of February, A. D., 1951.

DAVID McCOBB, Chairman.  
RAYMOND COLBY  
CLIFFORD MOODY  
ELMER HUTCHINS  
EDWARD HOLLAND  
ARTHUR PERKINS  
SAMUEL STANSFIELD

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The recommendations of the Budget Committee, which consists of Paul Whitin (Chr.), Roger Bragdon, George Lord, Frank Rollins, Russell Hutchins, Carl Goodwin, Joseph Houston, Gertrude Lord and Lois Rowe, appear after each warrant article in this size type.

There are two columns of figures below each appropriation article. The first column is the amount requested by the administration for each account. The second column is the amount recommended by the Budget Committee.

In every case an attempt is made to show the total amount which is to be spent for each purpose, and then to show what non-tax funds, if any, are to be applied to the account. The difference between these amounts is the sum necessary to be raised from taxes for each purpose, and is usually so labelled.

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# *Town Officers*

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

1951

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## SELECTMEN

CLIFFORD MOODY (Chr.)	ARTHUR PERKINS
DAVID McCOBB	RAYMOND COLBY
RUSSELL BRIDGES	SAMUEL STANSFIELD
EDWARD HOLLAND	

## TOWN MANAGER

LEONARD L. BISHOP, Jr.

## ASSESSORS

ROBERT LITTLEFIELD (Chr.)	CLINTON SMITH
EDWARD HIPPLE	

## TOWN CLERK

ALMA L. PARKER

## TOWN TREASURER

WALTER E. HATCH

## CHIEF OF POLICE

WILLIAM SHAW

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PHILLIP HINES

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JAMES WENTWORTH (Chr.)	MILBRAY FREEMAN
IOLA LITTLEFIELD	

## AUDITOR

JOHN L. ALHEIM





1951-52 BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN MANAGER—R. to L.: Clifford Moody, Chr.; Leonard L. Bishop, Jr., Town Mgr.; Russell Bridges; David McCobb; Edward Holland; Raymond Colby. Absent: Samuel Stansfield and Arthur Perkins,

# Town of Wells

LEONARD L. BISHOP, Jr.,  
Town Manager

February 15, 1952

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Wells:

With great pleasure I submit to you the Annual report of the Town of Wells, the third under the Selectmen-Manager form of government.

This report of Wells Municipal transactions is for you, the stockholders of the Town of Wells, Town Affairs are your affairs. Give this report the same careful consideration and study that you would give an annual report concerning your own business, because this is your business.

We are faced, at this town meeting, with the question of whether we shall continue to have a Selectmen-Manager form of government or revert to the old system of Selectmen with no Manager. Your vote at Town Meeting is important. Be sure and vote—which way you vote is your own private affair; but that you do vote is important. My views are on page 4 of this report.

It has been very difficult for me to take over the Administrative functions two months before the close of the fiscal year. I want to give my thanks and appreciation to the many people who have aided and assisted me.

The Town lost one of its most valuable assistants when Barbara Kemp became seriously ill. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Leonard L. Bishop, Jr.*

Town Manager.

# *The Manager Plan*

## *Yes or No*

You voters were responsible for bringing the Selectmen-Manager form of government into existence here in Wells. You owe it to yourselves to give it a fair trial. What you voters do, or fail to do, will be the decisive factor in determining whether the Selectmen-Manager plan fulfills all its possibilities for supplying democratic and efficient government, or whether petty politics and selfish interests again take over. You must vote Town Meeting Day, if you wish to keep the present form of government.

The voters should understand the structure of our government and the state laws that regulate the operation of the Manager Plan.

Neither the Selectmen nor the Manager are responsible for defects in the state law which may prevent your local government from doing things that some people may think it should do. Even the minority who opposed the adoption of the plan will serve the best interests of the city by making criticisms that are legitimate, not political or selfish.

Skepticism toward the stock efforts to discredit the administration, its officers, and its efforts, is important. There will always be those who place self-interest above the welfare of their town, who will harass any regime. Politicians who crave power for spoils' sake and grafters of all kinds have often used every means to sabotage good government.

It may be said that the government has been taken away from the people and the plan is undemocratic—although it actually places more direct control in the hands of the voters than any other plan. The manager may be referred to as a dictator—although he is at all times subject to the policies laid down by the people's representatives—the Selectmen. His salary may be pointed to as an evidence of waste and extravagance—although managers usually save many times what they are paid. This is the common formula. If you voters are gullible



to these forms of attack, you will be playing into the hands of those who are working against you and against your government.

You voters must remember that the true manager plan is the enemy of political machine government. If you want political machine government, you should not have adopted the manager plan. The "favor" system will prevent this plan from working as it ought to work, and you must choose between favors and good government. The history of the manager plan records few failures, and petty politics has been the chief cause in every case. A "yes" vote retains the Manager Plan.

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## *Selectmen's Report*

To the Citizens of the Town of Wells:

The Board of Selectmen presents at this time a summary of events that has taken place during the past year. We held a meeting nearly every week to consider business at hand, projects in the making and plans for the future.

Leonard L. Bishop Jr. was appointed town manager late in the year to fill the vacancy left open when Ernest Marriner Jr. accepted a position in California. Len, a native of Maine, knows our problems and we know he has the ability to keep our town functioning efficiently.

We appointed William Shaw as permanent Chief of Police. He has met with your approval by the favorable comment you have given us. In addition to his regular police work Bill has a few other duties to perform such as Health Officer, Truant Officer, Clam Warden and Dog Officer. Merrill Kelly's appointment as road foreman, under the supervision of the town manager, has improved our highway organization.

We are proud of the achievements of the past year and much credit should go to the co-operation of many interested and hard working citizens. The new grammar school, nearly completed, is a building of which



every citizen should be proud.

A complete revaluation and permanent mapping of the entire town has been a tremendous task for the assessors. They have spent countless hours trying to be fair to all. Some unavoidable mistakes and errors of judgment, we feel, have been honest and unintentional. This project has been accepted by the majority and we hope as it nears its completion that it will be satisfactory to all.

A new fire truck was purchased for the Wells Corner Fire Department improving our fire protection. Our public rest rooms at the Beach opened for the first time last summer. We know they were appreciated by our summer vacationers.

The new publicity sign on Route 1 in York is another step toward attracting more summer tourists to our town. Parking areas at our beaches have been increased, thanks to the generosity of the Ogunquit Village Corporation and private property owners.

Now we look ahead to the ensuing year and we find that our road program should receive top priority. An effort should be made to build or improve our rural roads and to resurface others that are in need. Every year we should construct some sidewalks, continue breakwater improvements and increase our publicity program by advertising and directional signs.

We wish to thank the citizens for their past interest and co-operation. You are cordially invited to our meetings with your constructive ideas and criticisms. Make town business your business. **Help make Wells a better place to live.**

CLIFFORD MOODY, Chr.

RUSSELL BRIDGES

SAMUEL STANSFIELD, Sec.

RAYMOND COLBY

DAVID McCOBB

EDWARD HOLLAND

ARTHUR PERKINS

## *Omissions*

### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

The list of uncollected taxes has not been printed due to the lateness of sending out the tax bills. It would not be fair or honest to list, as a delinquent, a person who has had his tax bill only a very short time. Also omitted are the lists of abatements, interest, and discounts since the final figures have not been ascertained.

### LIST OF DEATHS

The long list of the names of those who passed on in the past year have been omitted from the Town Clerks Report at the request of the Town Manager. Any vitally interested party is at liberty to contact the Town Clerk for information at any time.

### DETAIL OF ACCOUNTS

The town books of all minute transactions are public records. You may request to see them at any time. This year, many accounts have been omitted since the complete auditors report is inclosed. The 1949 and 1950 taxes in complete detail, the New Grammar School Construction Account, the Insurance Schedules, and the Town Debt accounts are all in the Audit Report. Read and study the audit report carefully—it is the exact standing of the Town of Wells as of February 1, 1952.

## *Ocean View Cemetery*

The Ocean View Cemetery Corporation feels the pinch of the inflationary trend, due to the fact that its investments are mostly in Bonds of better than average grade with a low interest premium. This policy of conservative investment has been followed to comply with the rule of what a reasonable person would do in like circumstances and to comply with the By-Laws of the Corporation that funds should be invested in securities which are legal for Savings Banks. The purpose being to safe guard, as far as humanly possible, the principal of the funds entrusted to the Corporation.

<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Perpetual Care Trust Funds</b>	
Bonds	\$ 12,050.00
Stocks	2,518.28
Savings Accounts	609.48
<b>Other</b>	
40 A Wood Lot, Branch Road	80.00
15 A Wood Lot, East side, Tear Coat Road	30.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 15,287.76

It is the purpose of the Corporation to keep the "Yard" in the best possible condition with the fund available, and we who are closely associated with the Cemetery organization realize that our Superintendent, Reginald Jones, has done a splendid job and we wish to take this opportunity to show our appreciation for his loyalty and hard work over the years. Our Cemetery is a historical burial ground and every Citizen should be interested in its upkeep. The Corporation considers its work a public service and closely allied with other public services rendered by the Town.

The Town appropriation is spent for the general upkeep and maintenance of the grounds around the Soldier's Monument in the Cemetery at Wells Corner, the old graves at Cole's Corner and for the general betterment of the Cemetery grounds. The Corporation is deeply grateful, for without it, many of the services would have to be curtailed.

As the report indicates, the Corporation is making slow, but steady progress.

### Resources

Balance on Deposit		
February 1, 1951	\$	601.74
Town Appropriation		400.00
Dividends and Interest		453.74
Annual Care Fund		16.00
Perpetual Care (Trust Funds)		750.00
Sale of Lots		65.00
Wells-Ogunquit Farm Bureau		
(Cont)		10.00
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		\$ 2,296.48

### Expenditures

Reginald C. Jones, Supt.	\$	785.00
Miscellaneous		36.79
Investments		1,009.80
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		\$ 1,831.59
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Balance on Deposit		
January 31, 1952,	\$	464.89



# *Finances*

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

### OF THE TOWN OF WELLS

#### VALUATION OF THE TOWN:

Real Estate, Wells Resident	\$2,416,745.00
Ogunquit Resident	2,754,345.00
Real Estate, Wells Non-resident	2,196,445.00
Ogunquit Non-resident	1,738,590.00
Personal Estate, Wells Resident	137.105.00
Ogunquit Resident	137.750.00
Personal Estate, Wells Non-resident	24,505.00
Ogunquit Non-resident	58,020.00
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Total Valuation	\$9,463,505.00
Rate, \$32.00 per \$1,000	\$ 302,832.16
Total polls, 827 @ \$3.00	2,481.00
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Total commitment	\$ 305,313.16

#### AMOUNT OF WARRANT, VIZ.:

Town tax	\$ 255,016.82
State tax	29,283.46
County tax	7,966.72
Overlay	13,046.16
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	\$ 305,313.16

ROBERT L. LITTLEFIELD  
EDWARD D. HIPPLE  
CLINTON F. SMITH

Assessors of Wells, Maine

# Collection of Taxes

## Charges:

1951 commitment,	\$305,313.16	
Supplemental taxes,	15,941.56	
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Total Charges,		\$321,254.72

## Credits:

Cash collections,	\$279,332.48	
Abatements,	1,579.48	
Discounts,	2,240.95	
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		\$283,152.91
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1951 taxes outstanding,		\$ 38,101.81

## PERCENTAGE OF COMMITMENT

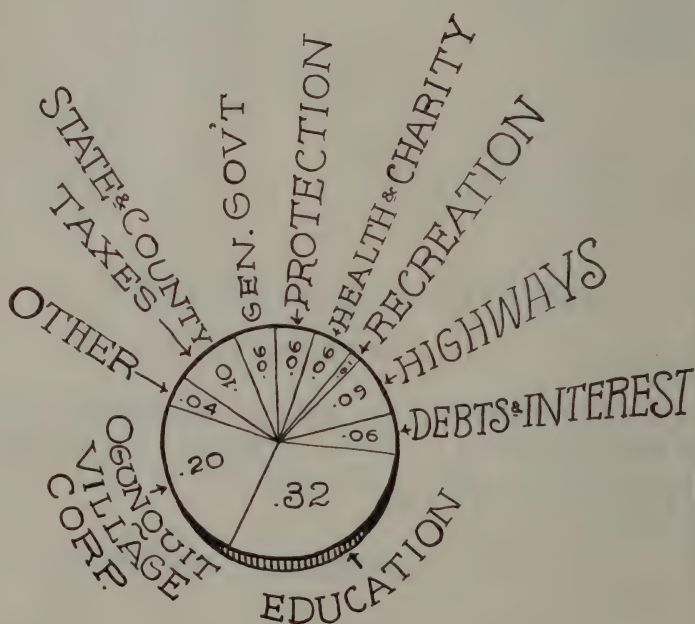
COLLECTED 88%

The final account of the 1951 tax commitment has not been completed to date. In order that the auditors report could be printed, this account will not be verified until March 15, 1952.

LEONARD L. BISHOP, JR.,

Collector.

HERE IS HOW YOUR  
**TAX DOLLAR**  
 WAS APPROPRIATED  
 AND EXPENDED IN  
**1951 — 52**



# Town Clerk's Report

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	234
Spayed	71
Female	46
Kennel	6
	<hr/> 357

## GAME LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Fishing	153
Resident Combination	82
Resident Hunting	498
	<hr/> 733
Non-resident Fishing, 15 day	20
Non-resident Fishing, 3 day	23
Non-resident Fishing, Season	21
Non-resident Fishing, Jr.	2
Non-resident Hunting	54
	<hr/> 120
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> <b>853</b>

88 deer were tagged at Farley's Filling Station:

51 Buck, 37 Doe

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

In Wells, 0	Out of town, 57	Total, 57
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### Deaths

In Wells, 39	Out of town, 15	Total, 54
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### Marriages

In Wells, 27	Out of town, 22	Total, 49
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Total	<hr/> 160
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Respectfully submitted,

ALMA L. PARKER,  
Town Clerk.



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# In Memoriam

The officials of Wells wish to extend warmest sympathy to the bereaved families of 1951, whose homes have been broken and heart's left or torn, and crushed, by the loss of a loved one. May they go bravely on with their cross, ever mindful that—

“One by one our loving Father  
Kindly lets His seasons fall,  
One by one His storms and sunshine,  
Casts He wisely over all.  
One by one we miss the faces  
Of those we once carressed  
One by one He ceased their labors  
Called them Home to rest.”

# Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS

Balance February 1, 1951			\$ 38,990.47
Charity		\$ 2,576.69	
Equipment Rental		4,435.78	
Highway and Bridges		8,331.13	
Rent		1,508.55	
Refund, Insurance		473.78	
Taxes			
1949	\$ 250.13		
1950	8,464.84		
1951	280,041.00	288,755.97	
Tax Liens			
1948	89.95		
1949	1,064.37		
1950	2,215.04	3,369.36	
Excise Taxes			
1951	13,422.00		
1952	3,985.30	17,407.30	
Public Toilets		150.45	
Bank Stock Tax		244.21	
Refund, Dog Licenses		81.64	
State School Fund		16,109.59	
Railroad and Telephone Tax		113.97	
Forest Fires		66.25	
Federal and State Subsidies		2,550.11	
Licenses		87.00	
Dividends		47.25	
Refund, Interest on School bonds		140.00	
Miscellaneous		458.08	
School Construction		9,041.98	
Tax Anticipation Notes		125,000.00	
School Account		2,641.79	
Tuitions		1,836.59	
Manual Arts		131.12	\$485,558.59
			\$524,549.06

## EXPENDITURES

Warrants, 1 to 52A inclusive	\$488,893.53*	
Balance February 1, 1952	35,655.53	\$524,549.06

\*Detailed list of Expenditures on file in the Office of the Treasurer.

## SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

### RECEIPTS

Schools Bonds dated July 1, 1951	\$125,276.95
State of Maine, School Plans	1,200.00
Town of Wells, General Account	7,679.17
Community Trust Company, Short Term	
U. S. Government Bonds	50,000.00

### EXPENDITURES

Warrants 1 to 7 inclusive	\$157,537.42*	
Balance February 1, 1952	26,618.70	\$184,156.12

\*Detailed list of Expenditures on file in the Office of the Treasurer.

## BAYLEY TRUST FUND

Community Trust Company Bank Book Number 5074 \$ 324.00  
Assets in kind

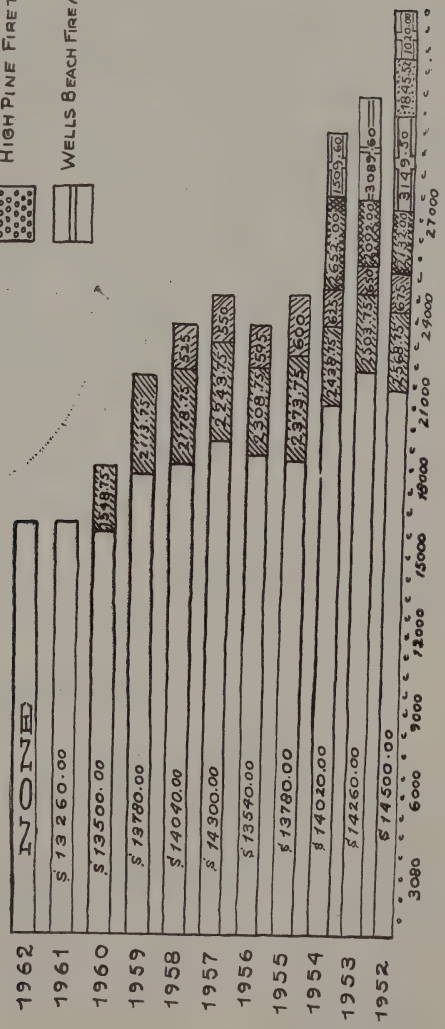
- 14 shares, Brown Company Common as evidenced by Certificate No. VTC/B 7643
- 3 shares, Brown Company, \$3.00 Cumulative Second Preference stock as evidenced by Certificate No. VT3/B 788
- 3 shares, Brown Company, \$5.00 Cumulative Convertible First Preference stock as evidenced by Certificate No. VT5/B 791

WALTER E. HATCH,

Town Treasurer

# SCHEDULE OF DEBT AND INTEREST

- NEW GRAMMER SCHOOL BONDS
- 1935 HIGH SCHOOL BONDS
- REFUNDING BONDS OF 1922
- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
- BRIDGE NOTES OF 1947
- HIGH PINE FIRETRUCK NOTE
- WELLS BEACH FIRE ALARM BUILDING NOTE





# *General Government*

## ADMINISTRATION

The estimated decrease in costs for the coming year has been enabled by no longer raising over \$3,000.00 for an assistant assessor. The budget contains \$350.00 to enable the assessors to check titles of transfer in real estate. Other new appropriations under this are \$1,000.00 for officers expenses, to cover costs of the Manager at the National Convention and of all the Municipal Officers at any Meetings they may attend; an increase of \$279.87 in office clerks account to enable extra assistance when the need arises—especially at time of assessment, tax collection, and the closing of the books; \$300.00 for office equipment—purchase of desk and chair, filing cabinet for tax receipts, a new typewriter and typing table, and any necessary repairs to our present equipment.

### Resources

Town appropriation,	\$17,400.00	
Other,	449.22	
	<hr/>	\$17,849.22

### Expenditures

Town Manager's salary,	\$ 4,420.25
Town Manager's car expense,	720.00
Office clerks,	2,475.13
Assessors and assistant,	4,647.06
Assessing expenses and supplies,	670.29
Salaries,	1,291.00
Social security,	447.72
Reports,	840.26
Elections,	172.49

Other administration expense,	1,016.10	
Telephone,	269.02	
Town Clerk telephone and Supplies,	88.52	
Office supplies,	325.00	
Postage,	451.16	
	<hr/>	\$17,832.91
<b>Unexpended Balance</b>		<hr/>
		<b>\$ 16.31</b>

### TOWN HALL BUILDING

The entrance to the Town Hall and the Town Office have been painted and repaired. Now, the office floor needs a new covering; the front door needs replacement—it is completely worn out; the heating system needs immediate attention; the town hall auditorium needs repairs; some means should be taken to separate a section of the office for privacy when talking to the Manager, and one half the roof needs to be resingled. Therefore, the 1952-53 budget shows an increase in this appropriation.

<b>Resources</b>		
Town appropriation,	\$2,050.00	
Rents and Other,	1,689.76	
	<hr/>	\$3,739.76

<b>Expenditures</b>		
Janitor,	\$1,040.00	
Electricity,	165.37	
Fuel,	1,310.07	
Repairs,	999.84	
Supplies,	103.05	
	<hr/>	\$3,618.33
<b>Unexpended Balance</b>		<hr/>
		<b>\$ 121.43</b>

# *Protection*

## POLICE



**POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM SHAW—ON DUTY**

We have completed our first year having a permanent Chief of Police on full time duty. The results have been fine. Nearly everyone has complimented the Town Officials on the increased protection and better service. Of course, there are a few who will never be satisfied. The 1952 Annual Warrant has an article to abandon the new Police System and return to Constables. Your Town Manager strongly feels that this article should be voted down. The Chief of Police should be appointed by the Municipal Officers in order that they have control over the Department.

### **Resources**

Town appropriation,	\$4,100.00	
Other,	3.30	
	<hr/>	\$4,103.30

### Expenditures

Chief of Police,	\$1,980.00
Chief of Police Car Expense,	700.00
Special Officers,	866.25
Uniform and Supplies,	227.55
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	\$3,773.80

Unexpended Balance \$ 329.50

### STREET AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The whole traffic light system at Wells Corner needs to be replaced. The present lights are inadequate and completely worn out. The cost of this operation will be \$1,400.00.

#### Resources

Town appropriation, \$4,300.00

#### Expenditures

Street lights,	\$3,262.26
Traffic lights,	1,056.40
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	\$4,318.66

Overdraft —\$ 18.66

### CIVIL DEFENSE

Small sums have been used for supplies and first aid equipment and two handie-talkie radios are on order. Our Civil Defense organization is the poorest in the State of Maine. We have no active Director or Meetings. A few earnest citizens are willing to do their share; we must do our part and work with them.

#### Resources

Town appropriation, \$1,000.00

#### Expenditures

First aid,	\$ 65.50
Supplies,	14.80
Alarm,	28.05
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	\$ 108.35

Unexpended balance \$ 891.65  
(carried forward)



## WELLS BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT



NEW RADIO SYSTEM

Seventy-four alarms were answered during 1951 with 12,550 feet of hose layed and 146,500 gallons of water pumped. The loss of property was \$1,600.00, a very small percentage of the \$203,900.00 valuation involved. The new radio system has proved to be a valuable asset in time of need.

### Resources

Town appropriation,	\$2,500.00	
Other,	81.15	
	<hr/>	\$2,581.15

### Expenditures

Truck maintenance,	\$ 248.85	
Telephone and Electricity,	411.48	
Fuel,	267.71	
Supplies and Repairs,	1,224.98	
Alarm maintenance,	419.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,572.02

Unexpended Balance  
(carried forward)

\$ 9.13

## WELLS CORNER FIRE DEPARTMENT



NEW PUMPER

The new truck with a 625 gallon tank is in operation and working to great advantage. With the new addition to the Fire House all three trucks are under one roof. A new heating system is needed immediately.

### Resources

Town appropriation,	\$4,550.54	
Carried forward from 1950	3,395.47	
Other,	32.65	
	<hr/>	\$7,978.66

### Expenditures

Truck maintenance,	\$ 317.34	
Telephone and Electricity,	94.09	
Fuel,	156.69	
Supplies,	267.82	
New truck,	5,918.00	
Addition to building,	942.88	
	<hr/>	\$7,889.42

Unexpended Balance	
(carried forward)	\$ 89.24

## HIGHPINE FIRE DEPARTMENT



TRUCK AND OFFICERS

Chief Clifford Matthews reports that 1951 was a very good year in that losses were kept to a sum of approximately \$2,000.00. The fund for purchase of new hose continues to grow and in the near future the necessary amount will be purchased. Every meeting and fire call was well attended.

### Resources

Town appropriation,	\$ 650.00	
Carried forward from 1950,	494.53	
	<hr/>	\$1,144.53

### Expenditures

Truck maintenance,	\$ 24.31	
Telephone and Electricity,	129.30	
Fuel,	234.41	
Supplies and Other,	101.84	
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**Unexpended Balance  
(carried forward)**

**\$ 654.67**





TOWN EQUIPMENT AND REGULAR CREW



# Highways

## GENERAL COMMENTS

The highway accounting system in 1952-53 will be changed from the method of trying to guess how much money in each account would go to the regular crew to a separate account for Regular Crews Salaries. The Summer Maintenance account should be increased as a step towards correcting the miserable shape of our outlying roads. It would appear that they have received inadequate attention to date. A comprehensive building program was in the paper stage when Mr. Marriner left. We will use this as a basis to decide which roads need attention first and may change it as we work. The sum of \$9,700.00 will not completely correct the situation but is a step in the right direction. \$7,900.00 for tarring is an increase of \$1,900.00 over last years appropriation—which was not all spent. Many of our tarred roads will deteriorate unless they are treated in the near future—especially at Wells Beach.

The Winter Maintenance account should be increased. This account is merely a guess in the dark. We know what an average winter will cost. We should always be prepared for a bad winter. This present season has been a good example. If we do not have the money available we steadily overdraw, but if the money is available and not used it helps in lowering our cost of government for the next year.

The 1952-53 budget for highways has been prepared on the basis that from April 1st to November 1st is Summer Maintenance and from November 1st to April 1st is Winter Maintenance.

The Town Road Improvement, Special Resolve, and State Aid Construction monies are done on a joint basis with the state. These accounts are much higher than last year because all of the 1952 appropriation is available and most of the 1951, since it was not spent.

The town equipment account has in the past been charged to various accounts and in turn credited to the same accounts. This is not right or fair to the town equipment account. The monies earned should be set aside in a separate equipment fund and carried forward from year to year to defray the cost of new equipment and depreciation of the old. This program is new being carried out. After this year, no town appropriation will ever need to be made for the purchase of new equipment or replacement of the present machines. To start our equipment account towards the purchase of a new grader, a sum of \$4,000.00 is recommended.

The Special Resolve money is available in its entirety from the state for aid in seawall construction making a total of \$750.00 available for seawall construction and maintenance and \$1,500.00 for road construction.

### SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION

<b>Resources</b>	
Town Appropriation,	\$2,000.00
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Labor,	6.75
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<b>Unexpended Balance</b> <b>(carried forward)</b>	<b>\$1,993.25</b>

### SIDEWALKS

<b>Resources</b>	
Town Appropriation,	\$300.00
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Labor,	\$ 74.80
Equipment Rental,	27.00
Town Equipment,	3.00
Supplies,	42.42
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	\$147.22
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<b>Unexpended Balance</b>	<b>\$152.78</b>

# **EQUIPMENT Resources**

Earnings \$8,126.03

## **Expenditures**

Plymouth Pickup	\$ 696.01	
Dodge Pickup	85.96	
Allis Chalmer Tractor,	716.93	
Garage and Supplies,	865.23	
Snow Plows and Trailer,	791.14	
Oskosh Truck,	1,518.04	
Other,	169.34	
	<hr/>	\$4,842.65

Unexpended Balance (carried forward)	<hr/>	\$3,283.38
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## **TAR Resources**

Town Appropriation, \$6,000.00

## **Expenditures**

Labor	\$ 531.90	
Equipment Rental,	741.59	
Town Equipment,	207.00	
Patch and Sand,	252.70	
Tar,	2,966.70	
	<hr/>	\$4,699.89

Unexpended Balance	<hr/>	\$1,300.11
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## **PARKING AREAS**

### **Resources**

Town Appropriation, \$1,000.00

### **Expenditures**

Labor,	\$ 92.63	
Equipmental Rental,	163.63	
Supplies,	620.80	
Town Equipment,	131.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,005.06

Overdraft	<hr/>	\$ 5.06
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## WINTER MAINTENANCE

### Resources

Town Appropriation,	\$11,150.00	
State of Maine Subsidy,	2,705.50	
Other,	30.80	
	<hr/>	\$13,886.30

### Expenditures

General Maintenance,	\$1,951.53	
Snow Removal,	6,625.60	
Snow Fence,	500.00	
Sanding,	2,722.67	
Salting,	3,992.55	
	<hr/>	\$15,792.35

Overdraft	<hr/>	\$1,906.05
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## SUMMER MAINTENANCE

### Resources

Town Appropriation,	\$7,500.00	
Other,	73.30	
	<hr/>	\$7,573.30

### Expenditures

Labor,	\$3,051.87	
Equipment rental,	1,000.66	
Town Equipment,	2,394.00	
Supplies,	1,588.26	
Other,	923.88	
	<hr/>	\$8,958.67

Overdraft	<hr/>	\$1,385.37
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## STREET CLEANING

### Resources

Town Appropriation,	\$700.00	
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### Expenditures

Labor,	\$332.63	
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Unexpended Balance	<hr/>	\$367.37
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## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

### Resources

Town Appropriation,	\$2,932.00	
State of Maine Subsidy (partial)	215.86	
	<hr/>	\$3,147.86

### Expenditures

Labor,	\$ 186.90	
Equipment rental,	433.51	
Town Equipment,	114.00	
Tar,	897.12	
Gravel,	8.80	
Ogunquit Village Corporation,	1,466.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,106.33

### Unexpended Balance

(carried forward) \$ 41.53

## *Health*

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Margaret Grant has continued to show her ability as Town Nurse and during 1951 was awarded with a raise. The 1952-53 budget shows a slight increase to cover this well-deserved boost. She now works night and day in appreciation. With the aid of the Doctors and the Wells Health Association, Margaret has kept a close check on all contagious diseases, makes sure the third grade children's teeth are taken care of, and with Dr. Tower holds a baby clinic once a month. Physical exams were continued on the 1, 4, 7, 10 grades. Immunizations are offered to all grade school children.

### Resources

Town Appropriation,	\$3,350.00	
Other,	16.80	
	<hr/>	\$3,366.80

### Expenditures

Nurse Salary	\$2,506.00
Nurse Car Expenses,	840.00

Telephone,	89.92	
	<hr/>	\$3,435.92
Overdraft		<hr/> \$ 69.12

## HEALTH SUPPLIES

	<b>Resources</b>	
Town Appropriation		\$ 75.00
	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Supplies		70.18
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 4.83

## DUMP

	<b>Resources</b>	
Town Appropriation,		\$1,000.00
	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Caretaker,	\$ 774.00	
Equipment rental,	90.38	
Supplies and Other,	39.46	
Gravel,	43.10	
Town Equipment,	91.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,037.94
Overdraft		\$ 37.94

## *Charity*

### TOWN POOR

The laws of the State of Maine were changed at the last legislature to restrict the printing of the names of recipients of aid unless the people at Town Meeting vote to list them. The list of recipients is a long one—most elderly people whose families and children refuse to care for them. We cannot consider such people paupers. The actual paupers are few in number and their names listed in the Town Report is of small significance except to those who love idle gossip. We should continue to omit the names.

### Resources

Town Appropriation	\$14,000.00
Reimbursement from recipients	288.51

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\$14,288.51

### Expenditures

Aid to the Needy	\$13,119.41
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Unexpended Balance \$ ,169.10

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

### Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
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### Expenditures

State of Maine, Wells Share	\$ 1,556.64
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Overdraft \$ 56.64

## STATE POOR

### Receipts

Treasurer of State of Maine	\$ 1,196.15
Due from Treasurer, State of Maine	185.79

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\$ 1,381.94

### Expenditures

Aid to Needy	\$ 1,381.94
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Balance \$ 0,000.00

## OTHER TOWN POOR

### Receipts

Town of Kennebunk	\$ 754.95
Due from Town of Kennebunk	169.58

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\$ 924.53

### Expenditures

Aid to Needy	\$ 924.53
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Balance \$ 0,000.00

## *New School Building*

At the annual Town Meeting last March, the School Committee was authorized to appoint a Building Committee to supervise the construction of a New School Building at a cost of \$125,000.

Your School Committee immediately appointed fifteen members to this committee as follows: Mrs. Eleanor Atwood, Mr. Theodore Hutchins, Mr. Walter Perry, Mr. Ernest Marriner, Mr. William Abbott, Mr. C. Herbert Littlefield, Mr. William McCullough, Mr. Richard Farnsworth, Mr. Roby Littlefield, Mrs. Iola Littlefield, Mr. Milbray Freeman, Mr. James S. Wentworth, Mr. Norman Holder, Mrs. Jane Curtis, and Miss Nora Malkson.

The first meeting was called March 23, 1951 and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. James S. Wentworth; Secretary ex officio, by State Law, Superintendent of Schools, Raymond B. Steward; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Eleanor Atwood.

It was suggested that the Board of Selectmen be invited to visit at any of the Building Committee meetings. This suggestion was approved.

A motion was passed that a two-thirds vote would be **required to pass a motion** and that a quorum would be nine members. (May I state at this time that the attendance at our meetings were well above the quorum except once, and I thank all members for their cooperation.) To date, sixteen meetings have been called, much work was accomplished at each and many ran late into the evening. The committee inspected other new schools in this area and interviewed architects. Mr. William O. Armitage of South Portland was finally hired to design a school to fit our needs and the appropriation. The land needed was purchased from the Tibbetts' estate and Mr. Milbray Freeman.

On May 16, 1951, plans and specifications for this building were presented by Mr. Armitage. They were approved by the Building Committee and, as required by law, the School Committee approved them and sent them to the State Department for their approval. Upon receipt of the approval from each channel, a call for bids was sent out, the bids received being opened on May 31, 1951.



Nine general contractors bid on the School Building, their bids ranging in price from \$124,524.54 to \$172,873.00. These prices were much more than we could afford and things looked discouraging. Sixteen sub-contractors bid on various parts of this building. The committee working with Mr. Armitage took the lowest general contractor and worked out the cost of the building by using the lowest sub-contractors. We arrived at a price of \$113, 769.97 to which we must add the cost of land, bonding, furnishings, and architect's fee, bringing us back to \$123,800.00. This still did not leave the committee enough leeway to work on. Finally, by leaving out the painting and changing the center wall from cement to cement blocks, a contract was signed with Mr. Stanley Leonard of Old Orchard in the amount of \$111,870.47.

The following is a summary of the expenditures to the present time:

#### AVAILABLE

Borrowing	\$125,276.95
State Subsidy	1,200.00
Refund and Earnings on Investments	197.34

#### Total

\$126,674.29

#### EXPENDITURES

##### Contract Expenses

General Contractor	\$102,470.47
Electrical Fixtures	3,774.23
Lineoleum Floors	1,550.00
Hardware	1,810.00
Painting (inside only)	2,725.00
Purchase of Paint	318.60

\$112,648.30

##### Other Expenses

Land	\$ 3,601.25
Clearing Land	691.38
Advertising	74.01
Furniture	2,336.20
Bonds & Insurance	1,545.25
Architect	5,480.24

Fixtures (towel holders, etc.)	121.10
Change order in contract	75.00

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\$ 13,924.43

Total Expenses

\$126,572.73

Remainder

\$ 101.56

Refund on change order in contract

146.78

Refund on insurance (estimated)

150.00

TOTAL

\$ 398.34

The balance of this \$398.34 is to be used as far as possible to paint the exterior of the building.

We have purchased enough new furniture to furnish four of the classrooms. The other five classrooms for the present will have to use the old furniture available.

Your Building Committee is asking in an article in the Town Warrant for an additional \$5,000 to finish the grounds and construct a fence. We feel that this building is exceptional for the cost and all would be lost without nice grounds around it.

May I, at this time, thank each and every citizen for their generosity and the faith they have put into the Building Committee in behalf of myself and each member of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. WENTWORTH,

Chairman.

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## *Division of School Union*

Shortly after the 1951 annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee met to try and improve our school system. It was decided that the Union of Wells, North Berwick, Kennebunk, and Kennebunkport was too large for one Superintendent to handle, and that the School Committee should pe-

tition the Commissioner of Education to divide the Union.

After holding meetings with the North Berwick School Committee to have them join with us, a meeting of the Joint Committee of the four towns was called. There followed correspondence with Commissioner Harland A. Ladd and several joint meetings of the Union, until on June 12, 1951, we received notification from the State Department that our petition was approved, effective July 1, 1951. School Union No. 2 was to consist of North Berwick and Wells, Superintendent to be elected.

A special meeting of the Wells and North Berwick School Committees was called on June 13, 1951 for the purpose of organizing the new Union. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. Marion A. Hussey, North Berwick; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Iola Littlefield, Wells; Secretary, Mr. James S. Wentworth, Wells.

The secretary was instructed to obtain from the Department of Education a list of recommendations for the superintendency at a salary of from \$4000 to \$4500 per year. The Department sent us a list of twenty-one superintendents, from which we received fourteen applications. From these fourteen applications, Mr. Philip G. Hines was elected Superintendent of Schools, Union No. 2, at a salary of \$4400, Wells to pay \$2034, North Berwick \$1016 and the State \$1350. The Superintendent's office is at the Wells High School building and Mrs. Hines is at present his secretary. His time is divided between the two towns, one-third to North Berwick, two-thirds to Wells.

The Joint Committee of Union No. 2 is well satisfied with Mr. Hines' capable work and can see the improvement that is steadily taking place in our school systems.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. WENTWORTH,

Secretary.

# *High School Principal's Report*

February 14, 1952

## **ENROLLMENT**

The expanding enrollment of our high school has been felt in every department of the school. Until the opening of the new school we must continue to combine classes and classrooms. We are still using the stage dressing room for a classroom and the auditorium and cafeteria for some of the study hall groups. We have needed another teacher this year but are met with the rather unusual problem of actual teaching space for this teacher.

## **FACULTY**

Some of our faculty have been teaching seven and eight classes in a six-period day. These conditions, naturally, have precipitated many and varied hardships to teachers and the school in general. The maintenance of our high educational standards could not have been possible without the wholehearted cooperation of both faculty and student body. A two session day, staggered schedule, or some other similar expensive and undesirable procedure would have been necessary without their combined support and understanding throughout this—now temporary—period of room shortage.

## **GRADUATES**

A follow-up of the students who have been graduated from W. H. S., over the past six years reveals the approximate percentages of students engaged in the following occupations: Of the girls; 8% are in the service; and 55% of the boys are or have been in the service. 5% of the girls have entered the nursing profession and 30% are in commercial and secretarial work. 65% of the girls (exclusive of last years' class) are now married. Twenty-five percent of all the stu-



dents continue their education beyond the secondary level. Some of our students have been engaged in more than one occupation, i.e., school and service; marriage and commercial work, etc. In view of these trends we endeavor to offer the best possible background to insure success for our young people in their various occupations.

### **CAFETERIA**

The cafeteria facilities have been expanded to accommodate over 330 children, served in three shifts of approximately 110, each group. Miss Marion Davis, Mrs. Helene Burke, and Mrs. Jennie Sinclair have maintained the operation of the cafeteria at a high level of efficiency. We are now serving about 270 children a day without incurring any indebtedness. In addition, we give 30 free lunches daily.

### **EVENING SCHOOL**

A total of 151 people enrolled in our evening school program which consisted of the following courses: Bookkeeping, shorthand, typing, mathematics, current events, English, French, sewing, upholstering, antique stencilling, ceramics, furniture repairing, woodwork, and oil painting. This is the largest enrollment that we have had in five years of evening school and many townspeople have expressed a desire to attend evening classes again next year.

### **VISITORS**

It is my sincere wish that all parents and citizens will feel free and welcome to visit the high school at any time. Frank discussion with your child's teacher and principal is of distinct advantage in helping him at home with whatever school problems he may have. A combined effort of both teacher and parent provide for a more satisfactory understanding of the child's own particular school problem.

**NORMAN F. HOLDER,**

Principal

# *Superintendent of Schools*

## *Report*

To the Superintending School Committee and  
Citizens of Wells:

The following is my first annual report of the public  
schools to the citizens of the Town of Wells.

### **School Enrollments and the New Building**

Enrollments by school and grade at the start of the  
fall term are shown below.

	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Village	24	28	27	26	37	36	29							207
Div. 4	6	2	4	1	4	1	3							21
Div. 6	3	1	7	1	4	2	1							19
Div. 14	4	1	6	1	2	0	0							14
Div. 16	3	0	2	2	3	1	3							14
Ogunquit	22	11	17	13	21	13	12							109
High School								45	38	38	44	48	43	256
Total	62	43	63	44	71	53	48	45	38	38	44	48	43	640

Your Town Report of last year contained a graph  
which compared the change in enrollments in the  
several schools for a ten-year period. It is hardly  
necessary, now, to review that analysis but it may be  
of some interest to note that the enrollment trends  
observed at that time continue in effect. Again this  
year there has been a slight decrease in rural school  
enrollments and an increase in high school and  
elementary enrollments at Wells Corner.

The Superintending School Committee still plans  
to reduce by two the number of elementary teaching  
positions when the rural schools are closed and the  
elementary grades are housed in the new building. As  
noted a year ago, however, we have come to a point  
where it will be necessary to employ one more teacher  
in the High School.

It is also possible that enrollments will increase so  
rapidly that we shall be compelled to employ an

additional teacher in the elementary grades. If this proves to be necessary, it will not mean that the savings claimed a year ago from the suggested closing of the rural schools were in error. On the contrary, the increasing enrollments would result in an impossible situation if the new school had not been constructed.

This year we have been employing one teacher to instruct twelve pupils in one of our rural schools and a second teacher to instruct fourteen pupils in another rural school. The comparative cost analyses often presented in recent years need not be repeated here. It is clear that the employment of teachers to instruct such small numbers of pupils is a very expensive proposition.

It is obvious, as was pointed out a year ago, that the use of the new building will involve additional expenditures for fuel, conveyance, utilities and janitor services. The difference between these operational costs in the new building as compared with the present costs in the rural schools and Parish House may be as much as \$3,000. This is considerably less than the combined salaries of the two additional teachers needed with the rural school arrangement.

Because of the seriousness of the overcrowded conditions in the grades and in high school, it was hoped that the new building would be ready for occupancy upon the return of pupils from either the Christmas holidays or the February vacation. At the present time, it is clear that this hope will not be realized. Presumably, the building will be ready by the time of the school vacation in April. At that time, however, there will be only seven weeks remaining in the school year. The school committee may decide not to make the move at that time because of the condition of the land surrounding the building and because of the disruptive effect of regrouping classes under different teachers for so short a period of time.

## THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

The present school calendar, adopted August 7, 1951, provides for the necessary 180 school days (36 school weeks) but is distributed over 37 calendar weeks to allow four "spare" days which may be used, if necessary, to make up time lost due to traveling conditions or for other reasons. These "spare" days are January 1, February 15, February 25, and April 11 and are not counted as days of school. This provision was adopted because it appears unrewarding to attempt to make up lost time on Saturdays or after the expected close of school in June. The school calendar is as follows:

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| First Term:  | Begins—Monday, Sept. 10, 1951 |
|              | Ends—Friday, Dec. 21, 1951    |
| Second Term: | Begins—Wed., Jan. 2, 1952     |
|              | Ends—Thursday, Feb. 14, 1952  |
| Third Term:  | Begins—Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1952 |
|              | Ends—Thursday, April 10, 1952 |
| Fourth Term: | Begins—Monday, April 21, 1952 |
|              | Ends—Friday, June 13, 1952    |

The legal school holidays are: State Teachers' Convention, Oct. 25-26; Armistice Day Observance, Nov. 12; Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22; New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Two-Day Teachers' Institute, Jan 14-15; County Teachers' Convention, May 5, and Memorial Day, May 30.

## THE SCHOOL BUS PROBLEM

School conveyance has been, and will remain, a major undertaking in the Town of Wells. Each year from 16% to 18% of the total school budget ordinarily goes for this purpose. In comparison, fourteen communities closely resembling Wells in valuation and school membership spend, on an average, 8% of school monies for conveyance.

One reason why we devote twice as much of our school budget to conveyance lies in the fact that we find it necessary to convey nearly five-sixths of our



school pupils. Some geographically compact towns convey less than one-half of their school pupils.

Another reason seems to lie in the high rates paid to conveyance contractors in recent years. Not long ago this town was paying, in one case, as high as 62c per bus mile for conveyance. For town-owned busses, the average cost for school conveyance during the past year in the State of Maine has ranged from 25.8c per bus mile for 60 passenger busses to 14.7c per bus mile for vehicles carrying 10 to 18 pupils.

These figures are based on total costs, including storage, 10% of the bus purchase price as depreciation, driver salaries, gas, oil, tires and repairs. Over the state, the cost to towns for privately-owned school busses has averaged about 3c per mile more than the cost for town owned busses.

The large school bus (54 passengers and up) is in marked exception to the above general rule, with the state-wide average cost being almost exactly 13c more per mile than the cost for town-owned busses. Perhaps these private owners have over-estimated their operational and investment costs in the course of their contract negotiations with school committees. In any event, it is hard to justify the payment of some \$20 to \$40 more per week than the apparent proper cost for operating a single bus. Therefore, the rapid increase in the number of these town-owned busses throughout the state is hardly surprising. Today, less than one-third of these large school busses in the State of Maine are **privately** owned.

On the other hand small feeder routes with less than 10 pupils are more cheaply operated by private contractors. The largest number of town-owned busses is in the 42 to 53 passenger bus class, this generally being considered a satisfactory unit for most routes.

The Wells school bus conveyance rates have improved slightly in the course of the past year. However, with the exception of the feeder bus routes, **all**

of our busses are now operating at a cost in excess of the average cost for town-owned busses. This excess in cost varies from 21c per bus mile to 1.2c per bus mile. Three important routes are now costing the taxpayers 21c, 18c, and 13c more, respectively, for each mile traveled than the average cost of operating busses of comparable sizes.

The above comparison takes into account the size of the bus to be purchased and the number of miles to be traveled, the two chief factors to consider in an analysis of the cost of school conveyance.

In terms of cost **per pupil-mile**, our conveyance rates compare somewhat more favorably with the state average for both private and town-owned busses, ranging from .79 of a cent **less** to 2.02c **more** than the state average cost per pupil mile. The significance of the **per pupil mile** comparison lies in the additional gasoline consumed in starting and stopping school busses. On thickly settled routes, however, as many as 10 or 15 pupils may get on the bus at a single stop. For this reason, the number of pupils conveyed is not as important as the size of the school bus furnished and the number of miles traveled.

The number of pupils conveyed, however, is important in terms of the number of busses which must be employed to do the total conveyance job. We are now conveying 100 more pupils than we were four years ago and we expect that the present conveyance load of 450 pupils will increase to more than 500 pupils when school opens in the fall. It is clear that we have already reached the point where our present conveyance services are inadequate. Except for one six-passenger route, all bus drivers are making their first pick-up more than an hour before the start of school in the morning. This means that some of the little children are away from home more than eight hours each school day. This is not considered conducive to the health of the pre-primary and lower

grade children. For these reasons, additional conveyance services for the coming year appear to be essential.

At a cost of \$18,000 per year we now convey in six privately-owned busses 450 pupils to and from the Wells schools daily with a total conveyance of 49,000 bus miles per year. The overall average cost is 35.6c per bus mile.

With busses of varying sizes costing us as much as 21c per mile **more** than the average cost for town-owned busses, the school committee is forced to the conclusion that a change to the town-owned bus system is essential unless there is a drastic change in the rates required by local contractors. With no certainty that private contractors will be able, year in and year out, to provide school conveyance at reasonable rates, it would seem to be very important that your school committee be free to purchase school busses if this proves to be necessary. It does little good for a school committee to make a call for bids if only one bid is submitted or if every bid submitted is at a high rate. In such cases, the hands of the school committee are tied.

For this reason, the school committee recommends that \$28,446 be raised and appropriated for school conveyance under Article 8 of the Town Warrant. This will make possible the start of a town-owned and operated school bus system as such a step may become necessary and desirable.

Plan B under Article 8 provides for the same conveyance services, but does not permit the purchase of any school busses.

The choice is left with the voters of the town.

### **THE TEACHING STAFF AND THE NEW SALARY SCHEDULE**

A number of reassignments of teaching duties was made this year. Mrs. Jane Curtis was transferred from the fourth to the first grade, Mrs. Edith Colby from the Moody School to grade three, Mrs. Esselyn Per-

kins from a combined seventh-eighth grade class to the eighth grade, while Mr. Burton Curtis, along with his other teaching duties, became instructor for the new course in Driver Education.

Mrs. Althine Wyman was employed to teach at the Moody School. Two new teachers, both with four years of professional training, entered teaching service in our schools this fall; Mr. Frank Perkins as teacher of the combined seventh-eighth grade and Miss Mary Pooler as teacher of grade four.

We are fortunate in having a number of experienced teachers, acquainted with the needs of our school youth and long in service to this community, who help to provide a desirable continuity from year to year in the several schools. In fairness to many of these teachers, a new salary schedule has been adopted which will put the rewards for both **experience** and **training** on a more equitable basis. Under a salary schedule adopted six years ago, the maximum salary possible to two groups of teachers with less than four years of college training was actually less than the beginning salary for an inexperienced teacher with a Bachelor's Degree. To remedy this, the new schedule will provide a salary increase of \$500 for three of our teachers, \$300 for a number of other teachers, and \$200 for a few teachers while our many teachers with a Bachelor's Degree will receive an increase of only \$100.

This step is inevitably disappointing to our teachers with four years of training. The old salary schedule was in effect so long without change that teacher salaries generally have not kept pace with the changes in the cost of living which have occurred since the end of World War II. Nor have we kept pace, for the most part, with teacher salaries paid in communities in this area with the same or with less taxable wealth behind each pupil enrolled in school.

In spite of this general salary lag in relation to



common practice and in relation to actual increases in the cost of living, the school committee felt that the most important and urgent step was the establishment of a fair and equitable salary schedule. For this reason, the original request of the Wells' Teachers' Association for general salary increases tied directly to changes in the Consumers' Price Index and based, as a starting point, on the old salary schedule, was refused.

The new schedule is based directly on median teacher-salary practice in effect during the past year in all comparable communities in this area of the State. After some study of the proposed schedule, the Wells Teachers' Association came out in favor of the proposal even though the increases for many of our teachers are much less than the 12% increase in the cost of living reported by the U. S. Government for the past year.

### **THE SCHOOL BUDGET**

In preceding sections of this report, namely, School Enrollments and the New Building , The Teaching Staff and the New Salary Schedule, and The School Bus Problem, are to be found some of the reasons for the increased school appropriations recommended by your school committee and the town budget committee. Effort was made to find points where economies might effect some saving in school expenditures. The need for increased instructional expenditures and the increasing size of our conveyance chore make this effort almost futile. This is true for two reasons: (1) the two items noted constitute about 80% of the school maintenance budget and (2) the cost of everything purchased by the school department has increased sharply in the last year.

As has already been noted, school conveyance was made the subject of a separate article in the town warrant in order to give the voters a clear choice between retaining or changing the present system.

For the same reason, the recommended appropriation for Evening School was made the subject of a separate article in the town warrant. The evening school continues to be a very worthwhile and popular project, with a total enrollment this year of 151 and a teaching staff of nine. As usual, it ran for ten weeks in the fall with classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and instruction in various practical arts, manual and domestic, as well as in painting, ceramics, English, history, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and antique stenciling. The usual relationship between local and non-resident enrollment at the evening school continued this year, with 60 local people and 91 adults from neighboring towns enrolled according to the official attendance record. As far as I know, there is no clear indication that the evening school is any less useful than when it was started five years ago. However, the number of Wells residents directly benefiting from this course is only about 40% of the total number enrolled. For this reason, the school committee felt that the recommended appropriation should be so presented that the voters might easily choose between continuing or discontinuing this service.

The school committee and budget committee recommend that \$2500 be appropriated for school repairs. The balance in the repair account was \$597.38 on February 1, 1952, less by \$250 than the repair balance of a year ago.

One new step is recommended—the appropriation of \$200 for athletic supplies and equipment. Basketball is the only self-supporting athletic activity in your High School and the revenue from this sport is far from enough to finance the present athletic program.

There follows a detailed financial statement for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP G. HINES

Superintendent of Schools

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## SCHOOL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

### Resources

Balance, Feb. 1, 1951		
Common Schools,	\$3,326.85	
High School,	3,863.77	
Textbooks,	475.29	
Supplies,	209.75	
Water, Light, Power	423.76	
		\$ 8,299.42
Appropriation,		86,876.39
P.L. 874 (Federal children),		3,343.81
Educational Subsidies		
Teaching Positions,	13,259.59	
Prof. Credits,	450.00	
School Enrollment,	1,725.00	
Closed Schools,	675.00	
Handicapped Children,	88.89	
		16,198.48
Elementary Tuition,		915.00
Secondary Tuition,		921.59
Refunds:		
Supplies,		122.29
Textbooks,		19.60
Water, Light, Power,		5.00
Manual Arts,		170.72
		\$116,872.30

### Expenditures

Instruction		
Elementary,	\$44,977.84	
Secondary,	28,203.55	
		\$73,181.39
Fuel		
Elementary,	2,231.34	
Secondary,	1,583.42	
		3,814.76

Janitor & Cleaning		
Elementary,	4,265.66	
Secondary,	1,172.91	
		5,438.57
Conveyance		
Elementary,	13,625.40	
Secondary,	4,482.40	
		18,107.80
Textbooks		
Elementary,	873.40	
Secondary,	661.58	
		1,534.98
Supplies		
Elementary,	2,424.04	
Secondary,	2,667.31	
		5,091.35
Water, Light, Power		
Elementary,	458.50	
Secondary,	1,194.80	
		1,653.30
Handicapped Children,		\$ 187.50
Band,		755.00
Graduation,		100.00
Manual Arts,		778.46
Home Economics,		78.09
		\$110,721.20
Unexpended Balance		
(carried forward)		\$6,151.10

## REPAIR ACCOUNT

### Resources

Balance, Feb. 1, 1951,	\$ 856.65	
Appropriation,	2,143.35	
Refunds,	4.37	
		\$3,004.37

### Expenditures

Elementary,	\$ 702.89
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Secondary,	1,704.10	
	<hr/>	2,406.99

Unexpended Balance (carried forward)		\$ 597.38
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### APPARATUS AND FLAGS

#### Resources

Appropriation,	\$1,100.00	
Refund,	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,140.00

#### Expenditures

Expenditures,		869.87
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Unexpended Balance (carried forward)		\$ 270.13
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### SUPERVISION ACCOUNT

#### Resources

Balance, Feb. 1, 1951,	\$ 7.00	
Appropriation,	1,043.00	
P.L. 874 (Federal children),	499.64	
	<hr/>	\$1,549.64

#### Expenditures

Salary of Superintendent,	\$1,693.08	
Office equipment,	483.42	
	<hr/>	\$2,176.50

Overdraft (carried forward)		\$ 626.86
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### EVENING SCHOOL ACCOUNT

#### Resources

Balance, Feb. 1, 1951,	\$ 435.74	
Appropriation,	12.26	
State subsidy,	552.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000.00

#### Expenditures

Expenditures,		\$ 848.00
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Unexpended Balance (carried forward)		\$ 152.00
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# *Auditor's Report*

Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Wells,  
Wells, Maine.  
Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, we have made an examination of the books and records of the Town of Wells for the year ended Januray 31, 1952.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. The limited time did not permit completion of our examination of the tax commitment for 1951 after giving effect to the recently completed revaluation of all taxable property.

Subject to what revision may be required as a result of a detailed analysis of the uncollected taxes for 1951, in our opinion, the accompanying Exhibits and Schedules fairly present the result of the financial operations of the Town of Wells for the year ended January 31, 1952, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. ALHEIM

Certified Public Accountant.

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## COMMENTS

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS	\$ 35,655.53
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The cash balance was checked and ascertained to be in agreement with the amounts on deposit. Independent confirmation was made with the Community Trust Company of the balances on deposits in the Tax Collector's and Treasurer's accounts.

During the year under review the General Fund has been relieved of the amounts due the Bayley Trust Fund excepting for a balance of \$14.50 representing the net income of the Fund for the year yust closed. This amount upon our recommendation has since been transferred to the proper Trust Fund.

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

\$ 1,066.56

This amount consists of outstanding balances as at January 31, 1952 for pauper assistance from the State of Maine and from other towns ,as well as for Equipment and store rentals. The details to the extent permitted by law are set forth in Schedule 1. Bad debts in the sum of \$222.00 and an adjustment of 41c were written off during the year.

## TAXES RECEIVABLE

\$ 38,304.62

The detail of this account is presented in Schedule 2, partially supported by Schedule 7. Taxes uncollected for 1950 and 1949 were adjusted to reflect all payments made during the year under review. Within the short period of time prevailing between the close of the municipal year and the date of the annual town meeting, we were unable to complete an analysis or independent confirmation of the taxes committed to the Collector for 1951. Due to the recent revaluation of the entire assessable property of the Town, this examination proved more complicated than normally. Under the circumstances, we have accordingly qualified our findings as to the revisions that may be required when a detailed analysis of the 1951 tax list is made.

## TAX LIENS

\$ 1,268.82

All payments on tax liens as evidenced by Treasurer's receipts were checked and found to be credited to the proper items with minor adjustments. Requests for verification on tax liens has been deferred until such time as the 1951 taxes are adjusted when a sampling of all taxes and liens will then be selected for independent verification.

## INVESTMENTS

\$ 770.00

The securities covered by the above amount were examined at the office of the Town Treasurer during the course of our audit. The details are set forth in Schedule 3.

## SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

\$ 26,618.70

A detailed account of the proceeds of the sale of \$125,000.00 worth of 2% bonds to finance the construction of an elementary school and the expenditures made therefrom are set forth in the attached Exhibit F. The balance of \$26,618.90 represents the sum on deposit in a separate account available for final payments on the construction contracts. The bank balance was independently confirmed.

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

\$ 7,035.11

The detail of this account including the \$14.50 due the Bay-

ley Trust Fund is shown in Schedule 4.

**RESERVE FOR AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES     \$ 19,386.30**

This amount represents the excess of unexpended balances of accounts over overdrafts being carried forward to the ensuing year. Full details of the items comprising the amount is set forth in the Statement of Departmental Operations—Exhibit D.

**UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS                             \$ 50,644.12**

The net beneficial gain from current operating accounts lapsed amounted to \$30,412.44. However the appropriations voted at town meetings March 10 and May 10, 1951 in the sum of \$20,133.94 represents an offset to unappropriated surplus, leaving a net balance as at January 31, 1952 of \$50,644.12.

**DEBT FUND**

During the year under review, notes payable in the amount of \$11,700.00 were paid. During the same period bonds payable amounting to \$4,500.00 were retired. A new issue of \$125,000.00 School Bonds of 1951 were negotiated during the period to finance the construction of an elementary school. The details of all notes and bond issues outstanding as at January 31, 1952 are presented in Schedules 5 and 6.

All notes payable outstanding were examined in the vaults of the Community Trust Company during the course of our audit. For some unaccountable reason, the note for Drake's Island Storm Damage in the amount of \$2,500.00 which was due January 27, 1952 was not met before the close of the municipal year. Since bringing it to the attention of the responsible parties, the obligation has now been discharged.

**GENERAL**

A corporate surety bond issued by the Maine Bonding and Casualty Company covering the Tax Collectors and Treasurer in the sum of \$20,000.00 was examined.

Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies retained by the Collector and were found to be in order without exception.

The overlay was ascertained to be within the legal limit of five percent of the appropriations plus state and county taxes.

Detailed verification of two complete months of entries in the Selectmen's Ledger was made to establish the correctness and proper allocation of postings.

The balances of the various school accounts were brought into agreement with the School Superintendent's records.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are believed to be worthy of consideration by the municipal officers:

- (1) The duplicate invoice form of arriving at the amount of uncollected taxes should be abandoned in favor of a bound commitment book.
- (2) A complete analysis of the 1951 tax roles should be completed at the earliest possible date in order to accomplish what revision is necessary.
- (3) Monthly trial balances of the Selectmen's Ledger should be drawn off.
- (4) All licenses and permits should be issued on prenumbered duplicate forms.
- (5) Treasurers receipts or checks should not be used for journal entries.
- (6) Collections made for withholding and social security taxes should be remitted to the proper authorities within the time limit.
- (7) The State System of Accounting for Town owned property and equipment as recommended by the State Auditor last year should be adopted.
- (8) Treasurer's receipt drawn for payments against liens should indicate the year the taxes were applicable to and not the year the lien was placed.

# TOWN OF WELLS

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Jan. 31, 1952 - Jan. 31, 1951

### GENERAL FUND

#### ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 35,655.53	\$ 38,990.49
Accounts Receivable—Schedule 1	1,066.56	5,781.92
Taxes Receivable—Schedule 2	38,304.62	11,730.81
Tax Liens—Schedule 8	1,268.82	1,275.36
Investments—Schedule 3	770.00	770.00
School Construction Account—Exhibit F	26,618.70	

<b>TOTAL—GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$103,684.23</b>	<b>\$ 58,548.58</b>
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#### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable—Schedule 4	\$ 7,020.61	\$ 3,569.65
Due Trust Funds	14.50	324.50

Total Liabilities	7,035.11	3,894.15
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#### RESERVES

Reserve For Authorized Expenditures— Exhibit D	19,386.30	14,288.81
Reserve For School Construction	26,618.70	

Total Reserves	46,005.00	14,288.81
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#### SURPLUS

Unappropriated—Exhibit C	50,644.12	40,365.62
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<b>TOTAL—GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$103,684.23</b>	<b>\$ 58,548.58</b>
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### DEBT FUND

#### ASSETS

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes From Future Revenue	\$ 12,788.35	\$ 24,488.35
Amount Necessary to Retire Bonds From Future Revenue	152,600.00	32,100.00

<b>TOTAL—DEBT FUND</b>	<b>\$165,388.35</b>	<b>\$ 56,588.35</b>
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#### LIABILITIES

Notes Payable—Schedule 5	\$ 12,788.35	\$ 24,488.35
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Bonds Payable—Schedule 6	152,600.00	32,100.00
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TOTAL—DEBT FUND	\$165,388.35	\$ 56,588.35
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#### TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		
Investments	\$ 324.00	\$
Due From General Fund	14.50	324.50
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TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$ 338.50	\$ 324.50
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LIABILITIES		
Principal	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Unexpended Income	38.50	24.50
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TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$ 338.50	\$ 324.50
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EXHIBIT B

### TOWN OF WELLS

#### STATEMENT OF

#### CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended January 31, 1952

CASH BALANCE—February 1, 1951		\$ 38,990.49
RECEIPTS:		
Property and Poll Taxes:		
Current Year	\$281,801.83	
Prior Years	6,202.97	
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		\$288,004.80
Tax Liens		2,922.39
Tax Acquired Property		89.95
Excise Taxes—1951	13,422.00	
—1952	4,312.78	
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		17,734.78
Departmental		31,340.29
Other Receipts:		
Tax Anticipation Notes		
(Contra)	125,000.00	
	56	

Accounts Receivable	5,277.80	
Trust Fund Income—		
Dividends	24.00	
Teachers Retirement	3,213.01	
Social Security Taxes	447.72	
Withholding Taxes	11,486.93	
Old Checks Cancelled	16.90	
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	145,466.36	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		485,558.57
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TOTAL AVAILABLE		524,549.06
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Departmental Operating Accounts	353,133.68	
Tax Anticipation Notes (Contra)	125,000.00	
Withholding Taxes	6,997.05	
Teachers Retirement	3,200.40	
Tax Refunds	228.40	
Trust Fund Principal	324.00	
Trust Fund Income	10.00	
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		488,893.53
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CASH BALANCE—January 31, 1952		\$ 35,655.53
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## TOWN OF WELLS

### STATEMENT OF

### CHANGES IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Year Ended January 31, 1952

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS—February 1, 1951 \$ 40,365.62  
INCREASE:

Excise Taxes Unapplied—Wells	\$ 1,708.89	
Ogunquit	263.40	
Supplemental Taxes	15,890.16	
Cancellation of Old Checks	16.90	
Departmental Balances Lapsed—Exhibit D		
Unexpended	\$ 18,594.56	
Overdrafts	5,729.24	12,865.32
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Total Increase		30,744.67



DECREASE:

Appropriated at Regular Town Meeting—	
March 10, 1951	19,500.00
Appropriated at Special Town Meeting—	
May 10, 1951	633.94
Adjustment of 1950 Taxes	6.00
Adjustment of Accounts Receivable	
February 1, 1950	.41
Adjustment of Opening Cash Balance	
February 1, 1951	.02
Taxes Written Off as Uncollected for	
1949 and 1950	103.80
Accounts Receivable—City of Biddeford—	
Written Off	222.00

Total Decrease	<u>20,466.17</u>
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Net Increase	<u>10,278.50</u>
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UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS—January 31, 1952	<u>\$ 50,644.12</u>
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EXHIBIT F

TOWN OF WELLS

STATEMENT OF

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND ISSUE

January 31, 1952

PROCEEDS FROM ISSUE OF

SCHOOL LOAN BONDS 2%	\$125,276.95
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OTHER RECEIPTS:

State of Maine—For school plans	\$ 1,200.00
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Interest on Short Term Government Bonds	188.89
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<u>1,388.89</u>
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TOTAL RECEIPTS

<u>\$126,665.84</u>
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EXPENDITURES:

William O. Armitage—Architect Fees	\$ 4,195.14
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Stanley G. Leonard—Contract Payments	81,633.25
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Milbray Freeman—Land	\$ 1,600.00
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Mary Hussey—Land	1,000.00
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Sadie Whitehead—Land	1,000.00
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Walter E. Hatch—Land	11.25	3,611.25
Various—Clearing Land	_____	303.60
Biddeford Journal—Advertising	11.25	
Press-Herald Express—		
Advertising	23.76	
Portsmouth Herald—Advertising	39.00	74.01
J. L. Hammett Co.—		
Furniture	_____	2,336.20
Hall & Knight Hardware Co.—		
Hardware		1,782.86
Graybar Electric Co.—Electrical		3,181.90
Linoleum Floor Co.—Asphalt Floors		929.46
J. I. Holcolm Mfg. Co.—Dispensers		66.50
Farnsworth Insurance Agency—		
Performance Bonds		1,545.25
Town of Wells—Labor and Equipment		
Rental		387.78

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	_____	100,047.14
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BALANCE ON DEPOSIT—COMMUNITY TRUST		
COMPANY—JANUARY 31, 1952		\$ 26,618.70*

#### BOND ISSUE

School Bonds 2%	\$125,000.00
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Dated July 1, 1951

Numbered 1 to 125 Inclusive.

Payable July 1, 1952	\$ 2,000.00
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January 1, 1953	10,000.00
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Each Year Jan. 1, 1954

to 1957 Inc.	12,000.00
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Each Year Jan. 1, 1958

to 1962 Inc.	13,000.00
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Interest payable semi-annually January 1 and July 1

\*Available for final expenditures upon completion of contract.

#### SCHEDULE 1.

### TOWN OF WELLS

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

January 31, 1952

State of Maine:

Poor Relief	\$ 185.79
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Unsettled Case 1949—Charity	80.50
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State Aid Construction	215.86	
		\$ 482.15
Other Town's Poor:		
Town of Kennebunk		169.58
Equipment Rental:		
Charles Brown	150.42	
Richard Stickney	12.00	
Ray Welch	20.00	
		182.42
Store Rental:		
Paul Wentworth		232.41
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		\$ 1,066.56

SCHEDULE 2.

**SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**  
January 31, 1952

Year	Taxes	Tax Liens
1951	\$ 37,940.21	\$
1950	318.75	928.64
1949	45.66	340.18
TOTALS	\$ 38,304.62	\$ 1,268.82

SCHEDULE 3.

**INVESTMENTS**  
January 31, 1952

Stock—Community Trust Company of York, Maine.  
22 Shares @ \$35.00 per share (Par Value  
\$25.00) Certificate No. 535 dated July 10, 1934 \$ 770.00

SCHEDULE 4.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
January 31, 1952

Ogunquit Village Corporation:

Proportionate Share of Excise Tax Collections	\$	465.54
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Collectors of Internal Revenue:

Withholding Tax Deductions	\$	5,331.78
Accrued Social Security Taxes		895.44
		6,227.22

State of Maine:	
Teachers Retirement Deductions	327.85
Bayley Trust Fund:	
Due from General Fund	14.50
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TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 7,035.11
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SCHEDULE 5.

## NOTES PAYABLE

January 31, 1952

	Dated	Rate	Maturity	Amount
Community Trust Company:				
Drake's Island				
Storm Damage	1-27-45	2%	1-27-52	\$ 2,500.00
Wells Beach Fire				
Alarm System and Building	1-10-47	2%	7- 8-52	1,000.00
Bridge Notes				
No. 5	12-23-47	2%	6-25-52	\$3,000.00
No. 6	12-23-47	2%	6-25-53	3,000.00
No. 7	12-23-47	2%	6-25-54	1,480.00
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				7,480.00
High Pine Fire Truck	7- 1-48	2%	3-18-52	1,808.35
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TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE				\$ 12,788.35
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SCHEDULE 6.

## BONDS PAYABLE

January 31, 1952

Purpose	Date of Issue	Rate	Maturity	Original Issue	Amount Outstanding
Refunding	1922	5%	\$500.00 Annually	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
High School	1935	3½%	\$2,000 Annually to 1959 and \$1,500 in 1960	49,500.00	17,500.00
School Improvement	1940	2%	\$2,000 Annually to 1954 and \$600 in 1955	28,600.00	6,600.00
School	1951	2%	(See Exhibit F)	125,000.00	125,000.00
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TOTAL BONDS PAYABLE					\$152,600.00



SCHEDULE 7

DETAIL OF 1950 AND 1949 TAXES RECEIVABLE

January 31, 1952

	1950	1949
Wells Resident:		
Bernard, Gilbert	\$ 9.93	\$
Hampe, Henry C.	11.55	
Hilton, Harold A. Sr.	8.47	
Jamieson, Frank & Sybil	11.86	3.00
Woodman, Harold	17.25	
Wells Non-Resident:		
True, Howard S.	77.00	
Ogunquit Resident:		
Clogston, Doris Brown	10.97	
Lapointe, Roderique	9.63	
Tower, William R. Jr.	77.00	
West, George R.	41.20	
Ogunquit Non-Resident:		
Breitenback, C. R.	11.55	
Cape Cod Farm Jelly House		23.38
Clark, Richard		19.28
Mogavéro, Dorothy & George	16.94	
Swett, Leon	15.40	
TOTALS	<u>\$ 318.75</u>	<u>\$ 45.66</u>

SCHEDULE 8

DETAIL OF TAX LIENS

January 31, 1952

	1950	1949
Allen, Curtis	\$ 2.70	\$
Brown, Ida M.	93.17	
Brown, Lester	19.25	
Campbell, William	11.87	
Cape Cod Farm Jelly House	21.18	
Cheney, Barbara & Leeman	31.57	
Clark, Frank W.	1.93	
Coast of Maine Company		65.45

Cote, Jean & Helen	38.50	
Elwell, James	4.32	9.75
Frisbee, Laura		46.75
Hamel, Cyrille	16.17	16.09
Hanson, Thaddeus	31.19	
Harmon, Payson & Leona	46.06	
Harriman, Warren	17.33	18.18
Hayes, Walter	3.55	
Hill, Martha J.	8.86	9.78
Hilton, Evelyn		46.75
Jamieson, Frank & Sybil	68.92	
Kimball, Oliver	35.81	
Ladd, Harland & Lloyd E. Cole	59.29	
Littlefield, Herbert Heirs	45.05	
Mathews, Carroll	43.51	
Perkins, Bert C. & Barbara	19.25	21.25
Ramsdell, Clifford	69.30	16.50
Rouleau, Archie	4.62	5.10
Towns, Theodore	28.88	
True, Howard S.	182.49	
Welch, Wade		84.58
Wolfe, William E.	23.87	
TOTALS	<hr/> \$ 928.64	<hr/> \$ 340.18 <hr/>

# **TOWN OF WELLS** **STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS** **Year Ended January 31, 1952**

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Administration  
Town Hall Building

Appropriation	Balances and Other Credits	Total Available	Total Expenditures	Balances Lapsed *Overdraft Unexpended	Balances Forward to 1952
\$ 17,400.00	\$ 449.22	\$ 17,849.22	\$ 17,832.91	\$ 16.31	\$
2,050.00	1,689.76	3,739.76	3,618.33	121.43	
<u>\$ 19,450.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,138.98</u>	<u>\$ 21,588.98</u>	<u>\$ 21,451.24</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

## **PROTECTION:**

Police  
Street and Traffic Lights  
Hydrant Rental  
Stephen Eaton Rd Water Main  
Sanford Road Water Main  
Highpine Fire Association  
Wells Beach Hose Company  
Wells Corner Hose Company  
Forest Fires  
Insurance  
Life Saving Equipment

\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3.30	\$ 4,103.30	\$ 3,773.80	\$ 329.50	\$
4,300.00		4,300.00	4,318.66	18.66*	
3,600.00		3,600.00	3,466.65	133.35	
	800.00	800.00			800.00
328.90		328.90			328.90
650.00	494.53	1,144.53	489.86		654.67
2,500.00	81.15	2,581.15	2,572.02		9.13
3,916.60	4,062.06	7,978.66	7,889.42		89.24
350.00	66.25	416.25	188.24	228.01	
1,200.00	553.78	1,753.78	3,473.24	1,719.46*	
	244.21	244.21	106.96	137.25	
<u>\$ 20,945.50</u>	<u>\$ 6,305.28</u>	<u>\$ 27,250.78</u>	<u>\$ 26,278.85</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,881.94</u>

# HEALTH AND SANITATION

\$	75.00	\$	75.00	\$	70.18	\$	4.82	\$
	700.00		700.00		332.63		367.37	
	3,350.00	16.80	3,366.80		3,435.92		69.12*	
	850.00	150.45	1,000.45		935.12		65.33	
	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,037.94		37.94*	
\$	5,975.00	\$	6,142.25	\$	5,811.79	\$		\$

# HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

\$	7,500.00	\$	73.30	\$	8,958.67	\$	1,385.37*	\$
	6,000.00				4,699.89		1,300.11	
	2,000.00				6.75			1,993.25
	2,932.00	215.86	3,147.86		3,106.33		41.53	
		8,126.03	8,126.03		4,842.65			3,283.38
		3,117.73	3,117.73		3,342.81		225.08*	
	11,150.00	2,736.30	13,886.30		15,792.35		1,906.05*	
	300.00		300.00		147.22		152.78	
	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,005.06		5.06*	
\$	30,882.00	\$	14,269.22	\$	45 151 22	\$		\$
								5,276.63*

# CHARITIES:

\$	14,000.00	\$	288.51	\$	14,288.51	\$	13,119.41	\$
	1,500.00				1,500.00		1,556.64	
		1,381.94	1,381.94		1,381.94		56.64*	
							1,381.94	



# Other Municipalities Poor

	924.53	924.53	924.53
\$ 15,500.00	\$ 2,594.98	\$ 18,094.98	\$ 16,982.52
\$ 86,876.39	\$ 29,995.91	\$ 116,872.30	\$ 110,721.20
2,143.35	861.02	3,004.37	2,406.99
1,100.00	40.00	1,140.00	869.87
1,043.00	506.64	1,549.64	2 176.50
12.26	987.74	1,000.00	848.00
\$ 91,175.00	\$ 32,391.31	\$ 123,566.31	\$ 117,022.56
\$ 6,151.10 <sup>1</sup>			\$ 597.38 <sup>2</sup>
			270.13 <sup>3</sup>
			(626.86) <sup>4</sup>
			152.00 <sup>5</sup>
\$ 6,543.75			

## EDUCATION:

School Maintenance			
Repairs			
Apparatus			
Superintendence			
Evening School			

## CEMETERIES:

Maintenance			
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## UNCLASSIFIED:

Sale of Tax Acq. Property-Gain	\$	89.95	\$	89.95	\$	2,500.00
Town Garage						
Shade Trees		498.60		2,500.00		
Ogunquit Village Corporation				1,298.60		1,144.30
Clam Propagation				73,106.50		73,106.50
Abatements				400.00		464.91
Interest on Taxes				2,000.00		64.91*
Discount on Taxes				832.67		292.50
Publicity				2,000.00		829.76
				1,200.00		240.95*
						115.00

V. F. W.	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00	108.35	891.65
Tax Refunds	32.82	32.82	32.82	
	<u>\$ 83,439.32</u>	<u>\$ 1,421.22</u>	<u>\$ 84,860.54</u>	<u>\$ 80,293.24</u>
				<u>\$ 3,391.65</u>

#### MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Notes Bonds and Interest	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 141.25	\$ 22,141.25	\$ 19,848.92	\$ 2,292.33
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#### SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

State Tax	\$ 29,283.46	\$ 29,283.46	\$ 29,283.46	\$	\$
County Tax	7,966.72	7,966.72	7,966.72		
Overlay	13,046.16	13,046.16	13,046.16	13,046.16	
	<u>\$ 50,296.34</u>	<u>\$ 50,296.34</u>	<u>\$ 37,250.18</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

#### EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER EXPENDITURES

			\$12,865.32*		
TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS	\$340,063.16	\$ 59,429.49	\$399,492.65	\$367,241.03	\$ 19,386.30

# WARRANT

FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 8, 1952

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK, ss.

To William Shaw, a Constable of the Town of Wells, County of York and State of Maine, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wells, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the High School Auditorium in said Town of Wells on Saturday, the 8th day of March, A. D. 1952 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside.

Article 2. (a.) To see if the town will vote to use the Australian Ballot on Part B and C of Article 2.

**(B. C. recommends "Yes")**

(b.) To choose a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, Three Assessors and Seven Selectmen for the ensuing year; and one member of the Superintending School Committee for three years;

(c.) To see if the Town will vote to retain the employment of a Town Manager as provided for under the provisions of Section 16-19 inclusive of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes of 1944 as amended; any action taken to be effective at the Annual Town Meeting held in 1953.

**(Selectmen rec. "yes") (B. C. rec. "yes")**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax-acquired property on such terms and to such purchasers as they shall deem for the best interests of the Town, and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute and deliver Quit-Claim Deeds without covenant in release of same.

**(B. C. recommends "Yes")**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow not exceeding \$200,000 in anticipation of and to be paid from 1952 taxes, and to set a maximum rate of interest therefor.

(B. C. rec. "yes" Interest rate to be 2%)

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the installation of hydrants in the following general locations, the exact spots to be selected by the Town Manager:

1. On Post Road near Eastern Pine Cabins
2. On South Avenue
3. On Atlantic Avenue Extension

(B. C. rec. "yes" on No. 1 and 2—"no" on No. 3)

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the installation of street lights in the following locations:

1. On Depot Road (1)
2. On Proulx Avenue (1)
3. On Atlantic Avenue near Mile Road (1)
4. On Bowen Avenue from Route 1 to Ocean Avenue  
(series-4)

5. On Post Road near Eastern Pine Cabins

B. C. re. "yes" on No. 2 and 4; "no" on No. 1, 3, 5)

Article 7. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the general operation of schools.

School Maintenance Account

Instruction	\$ 75,929.40
Fuel	5,000.00
Janitor & Cleaning	7,700.00
Textbooks	3,000.00
Supplies	4,000.00
Water, Light, Power	2,200.00
Handicapped Children	300.00
Band	800.00
Graduation	100.00
Manual Arts	650.00
Home Economics	100.00
Apparatus & Equipment	1,200.00



Supervision

3,065.00

Total

\$104,044.40

RECEIPTS

State School Fund

\$ 17,006.00

Other Receipts

5,705.48

Reimbursement required  
by Ogunquit Village

Corporation Charter

5,000.00

\$ 27,711.48

REQUESTED APPROPRIATION

76,332.92

(B. C. recommends "Yes")

Article 8. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the conveyance of school pupils under Plan A or B as follows:

Plan A—The start of a Town-Owned and Operated School Bus System.

(1) Purchase of two school busses \$ 9,046.00

(2) Cost of operating present conveyance services 16,900.00

(3) Estimated cost of additional conveyance services on Route 1, including the Ogunquit run 2,500.00

Total Appropriation \$ 28,446.00

Plan B—The Operation of School Bus Routes Exclusively by Private Contractors.

(1) Cost of operating present services \$ 19,800.00

(2) Estimated cost of additional conveyance services on Route 1, including the Ogunquit run 3,600.00

Total Appropriation \$ 23,400.00

(B. C. rec. Plan B. In case private bids are too high, it is recommended that a special Town Meeting be held to buy two busses, as per Plan A.)

Article 9. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of evening

school. Recommended appropriation \$600.00

**(B. C. recommends \$600.00)**

Article 10. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school repairs for the ensuing year. Recommended appropriation \$2,500.00

**(B. C. recommends \$2,500.00)**

Article 11. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for athletic supplies and equipment. Recommended appropriation \$200.00

**(B. C. recommends \$200.00)**

Article 12. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to improve the grounds, build a play area, and construct the fence required by the conditions of sale of the new school property. Appropriation recommended by the Building Committee \$5,000.00

.. **B. C. recommends \$5,000.00)**

Article 13. To see if the Town will amend the zoning ordinance by adding a paragraph to Part B. Section 4 as follows:

(6) Ocean View Farm Residence District "A"

(a) Northerly by the Landing Road. so-called;

(b) Easterly by the Wells River;

(c) Southerly by the four foot wide strip of land bordering on the Northerly side of Ocean View

- Cemetery; and

(d) Westerly by Main Street

**(B. C. recommends "Yes")**

Article 14. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable; and to see what rate of discount if any, the Town will allow on taxes paid before a certain date, and what rate of interest, if any, the Town will charge on taxes paid after a certain date.

**(B. C. recommends that a 1% discount be given on taxes paid in full before September 1, no discount or interest during September, accumulative interest at the rate of ½% per month be charged after October 1 with a maximum of 6%.)**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the

Itinerant Vendor's ordinance passed under Article 11 in the 1950 annual meeting by repealing Paragraph 3 "Fees" and substituting the following therefor:

"3 Fees. A fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars shall be paid to the Town by the licensee prior to the issuance of each license."

**(B. C. recommends "no")**

Article 16. A. To see if the Town of Wells will vote to recind the passage of article eight (8) of the warrant of March 11, 1950 which reads as follows, to wit, "To see if the Town will vote to remove the constables from the secret ballot effective with the annual meeting to be held in 1951 and take any action relative to a chief of police.

**(B. C. recommends indefinite postponement)**

B. To see if the Town will vote to have the names of four constables placed on the secret ballot effective with the annual meeting to be held in 1953.

**(B. C. recommends indefinite postponement)**

Article 17. To see if the Town of Wells will sell or lease to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Schoolhouse number 9, known as the Pine Hill Schoolhouse on Route 9.

**(B. C. recommends it be left to the jurisdiction of Selectmen, Town Manager and School Committee.)**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen, within thirty days after Town Meeting to appoint a committee of seven, with each District represented, to look in to the feasibility of a probable location and construction of a combined Central Fire Station and Highway Department.

The requirements of the committee shall be:

1. Select two potential locations and the cost of the land.
2. Furnish a sketch of building design, with an estimated cost of construction with three alternate types of material.
3. Estimated cost of yearly maintenance against current costs.

4. Furnish a proposal with two alternates at the next Annual Town Meeting.

**(B. C. recommends indefinite postponement)**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following ordinances:

1. No person may shoot firearms on the premises of the official Town Dump.

**(B. C. recommends "Yes")**

2. Any person violating the provisions of the ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$10.00.

**(B. C. recommends "Yes")**

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following ordinance:

1. Post Office Avenue shall be a One Way Street with traffic to travel in an Easterly direction from Route One to Main Street, with the sole exception that emergency two way use by the Wells Corner Fire Equipment be permissable.

**(B. C. recommends "Yes")**

2. Island Ledge Avenue, located at Wells Beach, shall be a one way street with traffic to travel in a westerly direction from the Beach to Main Street.

**(B. C. recommends "Yes")**

3. Any person violating the provisions of the ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$10.00.

**(B. C. recommends "Yes")**

Article 21. To see if the Town of Wells will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars to be used for the purchasing of uniforms for the members of the Wells-Ogunquit School Band.

**(B. C. recommends indefinite postponement)**

Article 22. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to prepare, and present at a later meeting, plans for the



300th anniversary in 1953 of the incorporation of the Town of Wells and will appropriate \$100.00 to pay the expenses of this committee.

**(B. C. recommends \$100.00)**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to fence-in and care for the cemetery containing soldiers graves on the easterly side of U. S. Highway No. 1 near the top of Buffams Hill, as required by Chapter 54, Section 3, Revised Statutes of Maine, and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to pay for the same.

**(B. C. recommends \$1,000.00)**

Article 24. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

**(B. C. recommends \$200.00)**

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for a subsidy to the local post of the V. F. W. for observance of patriotic holidays.

**(Selectmen rec. \$200.00) (B. C. rec. \$200.00)**

Article 26. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for general government and Town Hall Building.

	<b>Recommended</b>	
	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
Administration	\$ 15,520.00	\$ 15,520.00
Town Hall Building	5,280.00	5,280.00
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	20,800.00	20,800.00
less rents	1,700.00	1,700.00
and misc.	1,550.00	1,550.00
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From Unappropriated Surplus	\$ 17,550.00	\$ 17,550.00

Article 27. To see what sum the Town will raise and

appropriate for highway Maintenance to be used for the following purposes:

	<b>Recommended</b>	
	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
Summer Maintenance	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,700.00
Tar	7,900.00	7,900.00
Winter Maintenance	15,300.00	15,300.00
Regular Salaries	10,400.00	10,400.00
Equipment	4,000.00	4,000.00
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	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
From Unappropriated Surplus	18,083.38	18,083.38
from Taxes	14,916.62	14,916.62

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Construction.

	<b>Recommended</b>	
	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
State Aid Construction	\$ 8,621.67	\$ 8,621.67
State Subsidy	5,689.67	5,689.67
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From Taxes	\$ 2,932.00	\$ 2,932.00
(\$1,466.00 to be given to Ogunquit)		

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Sidewalks and Parking Areas.

	<b>Recommended</b>	
	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
Sidewalks	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Parking Areas	500.00	500.00
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From Taxes	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00

Article 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for the Safety Driving Course.

(No Selectmen recommendation) (B. C. rec. "yes")

(Recommend Article be Supervised by  
School Committee.)

Article 31. To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate for protection of persons and property to be used for the following purposes:

		<b>Recommendations</b>	
		<b>Town Manager</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
Police		\$ 6,380.00	\$ 6,380.00
Fire Fighting		450.00	450.00
Hydrants		3,750.00	3,750.00
Sanford Road Water		400.00	400.00
Highpine Fire Ass'n		1,500.00	1,500.00
Wells Beach Fire Co.		2,500.00	2,500.00
Wells Corner Hose Co.		3,300.00	3,300.00
Lights: Street	4,151		
Traffic	1,564		
Town Gar.	130	5,845.00	5,845.00
From Taxes		\$ 24,125.00	\$ 24,125.00

Article 32. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Health and Sanitation to be used for the following purposes:

		<b>Recommendations</b>	
		<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
Dump		\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Street & Beach Cleaning		900.00	900.00
Health Officer Supplies		100.00	100.00
Public Health Nurse		3,380.00	3,380.00
From Taxes		\$ 5,830.00	\$ 5,830.00

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Charity.

		<b>Recommended</b>	
		<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
Town Poor		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children		1,800.00	1,800.00
		15,800.00	15,800.00

Less income	300.00	300.00
From Taxes	\$ 15,500.00	15,500.00

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Recreation to be used for the following purposes:

	Recommended Selectmen	B. C.
Toilets	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Life Guards and Life Saving Equipment	no rec.	
(Town Manager recommends	2,000.00	2,000.00
Publicity	2,800.00	2,800.00
Trees, Elm & White Pine Blister	800.00	800.00
From Taxes	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

(Selectmen Rec. \$200.00) (B. C. Rec. \$200.00)

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to meet our obligation to the Ogunquit Village Corporation in accordance with the terms of their charter.

From Taxes \$ 81,256.46  
(B. C. recommends "Yes")

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 as Ogunquit share to Education.

(B. C. recommends "Yes")

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to retire notes and bonds as they become due and to pay interest on outstanding obligations of the town. Total needed \$27,089.87

(B. C. recommends "Yes")

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Insurance.



	<b>Recommendations</b>	
	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
From Taxes	\$ 5,216.13	\$ 5,216.13

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the following miscellaneous accounts:

	<b>Recommendations</b>	
	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>B. C.</b>
Clam Propagation	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Ocean View Cemetery	400.00	400.00
Abatements	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tax Discounts	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tax Refunds	100.00	100.00
Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Garage	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fishermans Slip	300.00	300.00

From Taxes	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00
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Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to change the fiscal year from the present dates of January thirty-first to January thirty-first to December thirty-first to December thirty-first.

(B. C. recommends "Yes")

Article 42. To see if the Town will enact the following ordinance:

SECTION 1. Commencing on May 1, 1952 and until November 1, 1954, it shall be unlawful to dig or take in any manner any clams, quahogs, mussels or farin worms from an area in the town of Wells, county of York designated and described as follows:

CONSERVATION AREA I. All shores, flats and waters of Gooch Brook or Upper Landing Creek, so called and its tributaries north of a line drawn from a red painted wood post located on the Joe Eaton farm, so called; southwesterly twenty yards, more or less, to a red painted wood post located on the western shores of Webhannet River.

(B. C. recommends "Yes")

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at their office in the Town Hall Building at Wells Corner on March 5, 6, and 7, from nine o'clock in the forenoon to four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Polls will be open for election of Town Officers from nine o'clock a. m. to one-thirty o'clock p. m. on the day and at the place of the meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due service of this warrant and returns of your doings thereon at the time and place of this meeting. Given under our hands this 15th day of February, A. D., 1952.

Clifford Moody, Chairman  
David McCobb  
Raymond Colby  
Russell Bridges  
Edward Holland  
Arthur Perkins  
Samuel Stansfield

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## *Budget Committee Report*

February 16, 1952

The Budget Committee, having given these articles careful consideration, feels that you might be interested in knowing how it reached some of its conclusions.

With reference to Article 16 it was the opinion of the committee that one officer, responsible to the Town Manager, would serve the public more efficiently than a group of constables. In considering the expenses of this department, the purchase of a town owned car seemed advisable for the following reasons; exemption of town vehicles from federal and state taxes; elimination of registration fees; existance of blanket insurance coverage already in force; advantage of installation of

equipment in a town car rather than in one privately owned and a considerable decrease in the expense of operation made possible by the purchase of a smaller car.

You will note that the appropriation for the school budget is somewhat increased. This is greatly due to the fact that for many years several of our elementary teachers have been underpaid, hence an adjustment of the salary schedule was deemed advisable. The Safety Driving Course, started in our schools this year, seems of great importance. It has proved well worth the support of the town by having our young people instructed in the fundamentals of this safety program.

Once again the subject of the cemetery plot on Buffam's Hill was presented. The committee all agreed that this matter should be settled once and for all. It was suggested that for the sum of \$1,000 requested, the following could be accomplished; an area of about 20' x 70' already established and conceded to be a part of the cemetery, to be graded and enclosed by a hedge; any marked graves outside this are to be moved within same and a monument to be erected bearing the names of these known to be buried there. If the situation is handled in this manner, Mr. Byrnes, the owner of said property, will release all claim to the aforesaid lot and will give the Town of Wells a right of way to same. Henceforth the upkeep of this lot would be maintained by the Town.

Your committee trusts that by its deliberations, a fair and just solution may be reached regarding the articles of the warrant which will be considered in the annual meeting of 1952.

## THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

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TOWN OFFICE  
WELLS, MAINE

## BOX HOLDER

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WELLS, MAINE  
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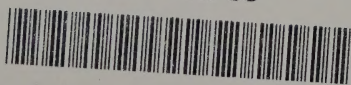






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